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9:30 A.M. CDT/10:30 A.M. EDT NEWS UPDATE

TRIP (Robert Burns/AP) -- President Bush, picking up the pace of his re-election drive as state and national polls show him trailing his Democratic rival, set out at daybreak on a hurriedly arranged one-day campaign swing through six states. After launching his most pointed attack yet on Bill Clinton's explanation of his draft history on Monday, Bush was pressing his case with voters at rallies in Missouri, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Mississippi and Tennessee.

(UPI) -- Plagued by falling polls, President Bush embarked on a swift six-state swing, but decided to be a no-show at the first debate in East Lansing, Mich., with Bill Clinton. The President had previously rejected the independent panel's format for the debate but on Monday he and his top aides toyed with the idea of making a "surprise" appearance in East Lansing but rejected it. While gloom has not yet set in at the White House, the President was seeking to establish a new momentum in his re-election bid with only six weeks more to go before the Nov. 3 election. But the polls offered no boost.

CLINTON\DEBATE (East Lansing, Mich.\AP) -- Bill Clinton was campaigning at the site of the canceled first presidential debate while Ron Brown tore into President Bush for not showing up and Bush took off on a hastily arranged tour of six other states. "I assume he can tell the pilot of Air Force One where to fly," Brown said on "CBS This Morning." "Instead of frenetically, frantically flying around to six states today, just landing at airports, he ought to fly to Lansing, Mich., and debate Bill Clinton." "Mr. Bush has done well in all his previous debates," Clinton said in a Chicago television interview. "They prepare him well and he's had those zingers and been able to drive stakes in the heart of his opponents."

PEROT (AP) -- Ross Perot said he "made a mistake to step aside" when he dropped out of the presidential race because the two parties have failed to face up to the nation's troubled economy. Perot said on "CBS This Morning" that he was waiting for a signal from the volunteers who put him on presidential ballots in all 50 states before deciding on a fresh direction for his efforts.

HOUSING STARTS (Reuter) -- Construction starts on new homes and apartments jumped in August at the strongest rate in 18 months, the Commerce Department said. The annual rate of starts on new homes climbed by 10.4% to a seasonally adjusted 1.237 million units. The gain came after back-to-back declines of 2.4% in July and 4.1% in June.

KISSINGER/POWS (Reuter) -- Henry Kissinger strongly denied that the Nixon administration had abandoned any known U.S. POW when U.S. troops were withdrawn from Vietnam in 1973. In dramatic Senate testimony, Kissinger dismissed such charges as "the most dishonorable accusation that can be made." Kissinger said the Nixon administration never had confirmation of any specific individual being held back. "Had we known it, we would have taken the most drastic steps," he told the Senate Select Committee on POW and MIA affairs.

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12:30 P.M. CDT/1:30 P.M. EDT NEWS UPDATE

TRIP/MISSOURI (Springfield/UPI) -- His polls plunging, President Bush announced he was fed up with "the half-truths" pouring from the Clinton camp and ready "to lay it on the line" beginning with a lightning strike sweep of six key states. Kicking off what he promised would be telling attacks on Clinton, Bush took Clinton on on the full range of issues, blasting him for his record on everything from civil rights, the economy and crime. Bush's assault on Clinton, whom he at one point called "Governor Taxes" in a slip of the tongue, came as the latest Washington Post-ABC poll had Clinton leading Bush by 58% to 37%.

(Springfield/AP) -- President Bush described Bill Clinton as "Governor Taxes" and told the first of six airport rallies in one day that "once you buy what he's selling there's no refund." Bush said his rival's words on the campaign trail have been "very different from what Governor Clinton has done... to the good people of Arkansas." He cited the lack of a civil rights law in Arkansas and claimed that taxes on the state's working poor have become heavier under Clinton. The President said he was taking the gloves off for the first time. The crowd applauded, but in reality the President's verbal thrusts at his opponent have been escalating steadily in intensity over the last few weeks.

(Springfield/Reuter) -- President Bush stormed through a six-state southern tour trying to solidify his support and distract attention from Bill Clinton's efforts to gain advantage from a canceled campaign debate. He offered an analysis of Clinton's record meant to depict his rival as the failed leader of a small and backward state. Outside the convention center where the Missouri rally took place, a sign-board gave an unintended comic touch to the proceedings. It read: "Occupational Health and Safety Injury Control Conference." That might almost have been a mischievous reference to Bush's woes in trying to keep hold of the White House.

QUAYLE/HOLLYWOOD (Houston/AP) -- Vice President Quayle, on the morning after "Murphy Brown" struck back, declared he is winning his battle to force Hollywood to reflect more traditional values. Quayle told reporters on Air Force Two as he flew here for a day of campaigning across Texas and Arizona there has been a change since last May when he chastised the show. "They will now ask themselves the questions every time they make a movie or put out a TV show, 'What does this say about traditional values?'" said the Vice President.

"MURPHY BROWN"/RATINGS (New York/AP) -- Murphy Brown not only evened the score with Vice President Quayle but also scored big with A.C. Nielsen. The promise of controversy as well as comedy drew a hefty but far from record-breaking 42% of the viewing audience to the "Murphy Brown" season premiere Monday night, according to preliminary figures released by the A.C. Nielsen ratings service. The 31.1 rating represents approximately 14.1 million homes in these overnight figures, which usually reflect about half of the nation's TV homes in 25 urban areas.

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EAGLEBURGER/BOSNIA (New York/AP) -- Lawrence Eagleburger said the Bush Administration was attempting to find out if 200 Slavic Muslim men and boys were murdered by Serbian policemen in Bosnia the day they were released from a detention camp. Pending the results, Eagleburger told reporters before a meeting with Croatian President Franjo Tudjman, he would withhold judgment.

CHINA/HELICOPTERS (Beijing/UPI) -- China attacked the U.S. decision to sell anti-submarine helicopters to Taiwan, saying the decision would "further harm Sino-U.S. relations," China's official Xinhua news agency reported. A separate report quoting a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman also condemned the Senate's decision last week to pass the U.S.-Hong Kong Policy Act, a resolution that calls for the U.S. to set up and maintain relations with Hong Kong.

RUSSIA/U.S. POWS (Moscow/AP) -- The Russian co-chairman of a commission looking for American war prisoners said that no U.S. POWs are alive in Russia. "I am deeply convinced that there is not a single American (POW) alive in the country," said Gen. Dmitri Volkogonov, reacting to criticism Monday from his counterpart on a joint U.S.-Russian search committee. Boris Yeltsin will meet Wednesday with Malcolm Toon and hand over documents about two Americans reportedly executed on espionage charges during the Cold War.

INDIA/CHEMICALS (Bombay/AP) -- An Indian company has halted a sale of chemicals to Syria after the U.S. complained they could be used to make nerve gas, a company executive said. Future contracts with Syria must be cleared by the Indian government, said the executive of United Phosphorous. His Bombay firm manufactures a substance used in making both pesticides and chemical weapons.

BRADY/IMF (AP) Secretary Brady and Michel Camdessus, head of the IMF, disagreed over how to calm turbulent currency markets and boost lackluster global growth. Brady, welcoming delegates to the 47th annual meeting of the IMF and World Bank, renewed his plea for lower interest rates to spur world growth. However, Camdessus said adjustments to interest rates cannot correct the more fundamental cause underlying weak growth and exchange rate gyrations -- namely large budget deficits, particularly in the U.S., Germany and Italy.

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PEROT: "I MADE A MISTAKE"

On morning TV, says Dems not as "revitalized" as he thought, shouldn't have pulled out.

Meets with DNC's Brown. (#5)

WHAT A RUSH

Bush uses Limbaugh's lobs to hammer Clinton on draft. (#2)

WHAT A LETDOWN: "Weak"

Murphy Brown "sermon" on Quayle finally behind us; His review, more reax. (#6)

INCREASE THE PEACE: At U.N., promises greater U.S. world role -- starting with training at NJ base on hit list. (#3)

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Unveils 100 more business leaders on board. (#4)

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ND SEN "B": CONRAD IN

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DID THE RACE CLOSE BRIEFLY?

Pollster Goeas on tracking a volatile electorate. (#27)

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THE WAITING GAME

The first debate won't happen tonight in East Lansing MI, but that doesn't mean there can't be winners and losers. (#1)

WINNER: Bush gets his wish for no third debate.

WINNER: Clinton has time and numbers on his side.

LOSER: Bush in MI. Rankles local feathers in key battleground state.

LOSER: Clinton loses chance to erase stature gap for few more weeks.

LOSER: Commis. on Pres. Debates. Move over, League of Woman Voters.

FINAL TALLY: Bush's debate gambit, designed to offer room to move, delays chance for major movement. As long as he's perceived as behind, he runs risk of having whatever he does appear desperate.

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

"This will probably cause you to faint because you never heard anybody in public life say they made a mistake."

-- Ross Perot, "CBS This Morning," 9/22. (#5)

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TV MONITOR (#30)

???? OVERLOOKED ???? ?

9/22/88: W. POST's Lloyd Grove reports Bush TV strategy is
targeting local stations in key states, while Dukakis is
employing a national network strategy (HOTLINE database).

9/21/92: CNN's Brooks Jackson reports Bush is using a 50-state
"shotgun strategy" on the networks, while Clinton is "concentrating

*1 DEBATES: NOT TONIGHT

"On a day that might have seen the first presidential debate" the Bush and Clinton campaign's are "shadowboxing instead." Clinton will be in East Lansing, MI, site of the first proposed debate, to "dramatize his willingness to engage the president" (Phillips, USA TODAY, 9/22). Clinton: "I'd still like to see the debate commission's format go forward. We'll have to see. Whatever is done, I hope it can be done through the debate commission. I think it is a good format, and there's no question that it is sort of non-biased" (ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, 9/22). During an interview with talk-show host Rush Limbaugh, Bush said, "I'm not going to let this new man dictate the terms" and added he would "insist" on the "terms that have been approved since 1976." Bush: "Why would I change as the president? I'm not going to do it." Clinton: "I'm not the problem here. All [Bush] has to do is engage the presidential debate commission and come up with whatever they'll accept and he'll accept" (W. POST, 9/22). Bush "has been saying 'no' to a lot lately. He's not only decided not to participate in" tonight's scheduled debate, but he's "declined invitations" from ABC's "Nightline", two PBS election-year specials, the Discovery Channel, and a "half dozen local TV stations that have organized town meetings with voters. Clinton has agreed to them all." The "result" has been "longer formats that proved so valuable to both candidates and voters during the primary season have been left to Clinton." Bush "has seemed reluctant to submit to formats designed to encourage sustained, issue-oriented questioning" (Gunther, DETROIT FREE PRESS, 9/22). RNC chair Rich Bond will be in East Lansing to "show a video of Clinton debating himself, giving what the campaign calls conflicting answers on issues" (USA TODAY, 9/22).

OPINION: The president, trailing in the polls, may lose more than he gains by sparing over the format. He needs to take some risks in this campaign, to act boldly and self assuredly, if he is to win back voters' confidence. The debates are a good place to begin" (DETROIT FREE PRESS, 9/22). "Bush has lost the first presidential debate without even debating, and unless he and his handlers quit playing games soon, he will lose the next two debates" (NORTH JERSEY HERALD NEWS, 9/21). The cancellation of the first debate "may be counted as a victory for George Bush, since it probably means there will be only two debates, at most; a total victory for the President would mean no debates at all" (Goodman, N.Y. TIMES, 9/22). "President Bush won't come out for a real debate. The president's refusal discredits him and deprives voters of the insights they would glean from a head-to-head, freewheeling dialogue" (BURLINGTON FREE PRESS, 9/19). ORLANDO SENTINEL's Marquez: "When a decorated World War II hero fears going mano a mano in a debate with a Vietnam draft-dodger, you start wondering who's the real wuss who's not fit to be president" (9/21). Media analyst Marvin Kalb: "It's up to the candidates. Will they look beyond immediate political calculations and consider the obvious concerns of the public? Will they remember that, in the final analysis, their only legitimacy as president comes from the people they represent and serve?" (USA TODAY, 9/22). Newark STAR -LEDGER's Farmer: "George Bush is playing a most unworthy game with the debates. His attempt to dictate their terms and conditions demeans the process, if not the presidency itself" (9/21).

*2 DRAFT: WHAT A RUSH

Bush "stopped just short of charging that [Clinton] is lying about how he escaped the Vietnam draft -- and called on Clinton to 'come clean with the American people.'" This made up Bush's "most direct attack yet on Clinton's" draft record. In answering "softball questions from [conservative talk-radio host Rush] Limbaugh, Bush insisted, 'I'm not trying to make a big deal out of it' -- but he seemed to do just that" (Orin, N.Y. POST, 9/22). During the 40-minute interview Bush accused Clinton of having "condemned the whole military as immoral" in the 1969 letter to Univ. of AR's ROTC director. In the letter Clinton "did not describe the military as 'immoral.' Nor did Clinton, as Bush claimed, say the only time he could see fighting was if there was immediate danger to the United States." When asked whether Bush "was deliberately misrepresenting Clinton's statements," WH spokesperson Judy Smith said, "Clinton has over and over again misrepresented the president's positions" (Lee, USA TODAY, 9/22). Clinton advisor James Carville: "Basically, I think he ought to retract it." Clinton spokesperson Dee Dee Meyers noted Clinton "never called the military 'immoral'" (Ross, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 9/22). Clinton spokesperson Max Parker: "You have the President of the United States making up quotes and attributing them to the governor. That goes directly to character" (Gerstenzang, L.A. TIMES, 9/22).

CLINTON BLAMES MEMORY LOSS: Although Clinton-Gore attempted to maintain focus on the economy "the Bush attack on the draft issue came up in six interviews Clinton conducted with TV stations in [IL] and [MI]." During one interview "Clinton blamed memory loss for a confused explanation of how he avoided the Vietnam draft": "After 23 years you forget some things, and that happened to me" (Warren, PHILA. INQUIRER, 9/22). ABC's Bury: "With the Republicans intensifying their attacks on the draft, Clinton has changed his approach. Now he apologizes, not for avoiding the draft, but for mishandling questions about it." Clinton: "I answered some of the questions on the run, without the benefit of any kind of records" (9/21).

THE SO-WHAT: Bush "used the draft issue aggressively, moving well beyond the gentle approach he used" last week in Salt Lake City. "The sudden change in tactics reflects both a sense that ... he needs more firepower, and the hope that Bush campaigners' initial attacks on Clinton have made an impact and that it was time for [Bush] himself to join the fray" (L.A. TIMES, 9/22). N.Y. POST's Pagnozzi: "Yesterday ... [Bush] spent twice as much time and vastly more effort giving an interview to Rush Limbaugh that he did on a speech before the United Nations General Assembly that preceded it" (9/22). NBC's Cochran on why Bush entered the fray: "[Bush] apparently changed his mind today, because some polls last week showed Clinton is vulnerable on the draft issue and with the economy a losing issue for Bush, the president wants to change the subject" (9/21). CNN's Shaw: "Well so much for his 'let the surrogates do it' strategy, [Bush] did the brass knuckles work himself today." CNN's Bierbauer: "To some degree the people in the Bush campaign think they may have connected on the question of trust" ("Inside Politics," 9/21). N.Y. TIMES profiles the draft debate as a potentially "explosive generational" issue (Rosenthal, 9/22). GOP strategist Roger Ailes: "He either has to tell the truth or pick which lie he's going to stick with ... and people don't want a president named 'Slick Willie'" ("Today," NBC, 9/22). DNC chair Ron Brown:

"Yesterday he didn't look very presidential did he? Here's George Bush, who usually tries to distance himself from his attack dogs out there, and yesterday he personally attacks Bill Clinton himself" ("CBS This Morning," 9/22).

QUAYLE: Spokesperson David Beckwith on the N.Y. TIMES story: "There were people that got in and they were often the ones that made a very aggressive effort to get in." Clinton advisor Paul Begala: "It goes to the point of hypocrisy. I mean Dan Quayle criticizing anybody's military service is like being called ugly by a frog" ("Crossfire," CNN, 9/21). Quayle in an interview with the Louisville COURIER-JOURNAL said "I really sort of chortle about how many members of the press are now trying to defend Bill Clinton, and I didn't have one defender when I was going through this ordeal [in '88]." When asked if the draft issue would defeat Clinton, Quayle said: "It's one of the issues that will contribute to his defeat because he can't tell the truth, and he's got a serious character flaw" (Cross, 9/22).

*3 BUSH: U.N. SPEECH PITCHES PEACEKEEPING, NO CASH

Addressing the U.N. General Assembly, Pres. Bush urged the U.N. "to create a well-trained and highly mobile military force to prevent wars around the world and promised that the [U.S.] will play a far greater role in international peacekeeping than it did during the Cold War, when U.S.-Soviet rivalries tended to keep both superpowers on the sidelines." Bush said he will "direct the Pentagon to increase the emphasis on peacekeeping so U.S. forces can be ready to join U.N. forces on a moment's notice to try to stop wars like the ones in Bosnia and Somalia before they start" (Kempster, L.A. TIMES, 9/22). Bush "tried to strike a balance between voters' predominant concerns with domestic issues and his belief in the need to remain engaged ... in the post-Cold War period." Some of his remarks "were clearly aimed at his domestic audience. With foreign aid unpopular ... Bush emphasized that 'our assistance efforts should not be charity. On the contrary, they should promote mutual prosperity'" (Greenberger, W.S. JOURNAL, 9/22). KNIGHT-RIDDER's Warren: "A speech tinged with election-year politics." A "fact sheet" distributed to reporters said Bush's plan for a \$1B "growth fund" supporting U.S. businesses abroad would create 40,000 U.S. jobs (9/22). W. TIMES header: "President to 'overhaul' foreign-affairs agencies" (9/22). N.Y. TIMES subhead: "He Does Not Offer Money or Staff, Nor to Pay U.S. Debts" (9/22). Header over separate N.Y. TIMES story: "With U.S. the Biggest Debtor, President Finds U.N. Skeptical" (9/22). Many reports noted Bush's speech was not once interrupted by applause.

MONETARY PLAN: Bush "has an idea to make the treacherous foreign exchange market a kinder, gentler place by linking national currencies to commodity prices. But so far, most economists are skeptical" (Raghavan, W.S. JOURNAL, 9/22). Supply-sider Jude Wanniski reminded GOP officials that then-Sec/Treas. James Baker proposed a similar idea before an IMF meeting in 1987. ROLL CALL's Kondracke reports Wanniski's lobbying for Bush leadership on the European financial crisis, noting the crisis "could be a political boon for [Bush] -- if his advisers can agree on what to say and do about it. And that hasn't happened yet" (9/21). The Bush plan "might appeal to some conservative Republicans who advocate a return to the gold standard" (Mufson, W. POST, 9/22). W.S. JOURNAL editorial praises it: "Presidential ... We felt the same way after Mr. Bush's very good Detroit Economic Club speech. His ... statement

on the global economy held the promise of leadership. Proof that the promise is being fulfilled has to come before Nov. 3" (9/22).

IRAQ/IRAN/ETC: Rep. Henry B. Gonzales (D-TX) released more newly-declassified documents on pre-war Iraq policy 9/21, including a memo to then-Sec/State Baker which stated Iraq "was sheltering Mohammed Abu Abbas, the mastermind of the Achille Lauro hijacking" (Frantz, L.A. TIMES, 9/22) and was "continuing its chemical and biological weapons buildup and reviving its border dispute with Kuwait" (Sciolino, N.Y. TIMES, 9/22). Gonzales on the House floor also charged the Admin.'s "friendly dealings" with Iraq "were caused in part by 'favorable oil deals' extended to U.S. companies": "Maybe this is natural. The president himself is an oil man, and so are his closest advisers. Hussein wanted cash, credit, and military technology. Oil made it all possible" (Fialka, W.S. JOURNAL, 9/22). In the Iraq-BNL case, Atlanta banker Christopher Drogoul was told he could not withdraw his guilty plea made last summer. Hearings resume today" (Smith, W. POST, 9/22). Columnist Richard Cohen again asks, "What did Bush know" in the all-but-concluded Iran-Contra case (W. POST, 9/22).

ALSO: On the Rush Limbaugh radio show 9/21, Bush said the economy "was not nearly as bad as people believed. ... Bush said that the economy was 'poised for a dramatic recovery' and maintained that most people believed otherwise because they paid too much heed to news media" (Wines, N.Y. TIMES, 9/22). USA TODAY notes a Denver woman was arrested for the attempted assassination of Bush (9/22). Title of skeptical piece by Ed Zuckerman in OUTSIDE magazine: "George Bush Takes a Hike; Hugging the big trees with our environmental president" (10/92 issue). N.Y. TIMES' Dowd profiled OMB dir. Richard Darman (9/22). The daily Bush-Quayle fax attack highlights Clinton "doublespeak" on free trade and fuel standards (Bush-Quayle release, 9/21). KNIGHT-RIDDER's Hess, examining Bush and Clinton small business plans, writes the "two candidates' approaches ... are more similar than not" (9/22). Under header: "It isn't 'new Bush' -- it's old Baker," MIAMI HERALD's McCartney juxtaposes Baker's comments from his 8/13 State Dept. farewell speech and Bush language from his 9/10 Detroit Econ. Club address (9/21).

FEC: From the 9/19 Bush-Quayle filing for 8/92:

Total 6/92 receipts	\$55,490,000.00
Total 6/92 disbursements	1,200,868.68
Total cash-on-hand 8/31	54,289,131.32 (Release, 9/21).

*4 CLINTON: GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

More than 100 top business leaders endorsed Clinton 9/21 "including about 25 longtime Republicans, one of whom called the well-orchestrated event 'an unprecedented show of support'" for a Dem. Clinton was "clearly uplifted" by the endorsements and the campaign released an additional list of business leader backers - bringing the number to about 400 (Chen, L.A. TIMES, 9/22). Western Digital chair and CEO Roger Johnson: "My patience has worn thin. ... It's an eye-opening experience to see that a [Dem gov] has a better understanding of our nation's economic problems than the Bush administration." Katherine Thompson Development Co. president/1988 GOP convention delegate/ex-Team 100 member Katherine Thompson: "George Bush doesn't understand the complexities of our national economic crisis" (ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, 9/22). "The statements from pro-Clinton executives had to compete with continued questions about the draft from regional media representatives, and a heckler who confronted" Clinton with

"character questions." Wm Kelly "interrupting" Clinton: "When did you stop committing adultery?" After an exchange with Clinton, who told him to "sit down and shut up," Kelly was escorted from the room by security (Taylor, W. TIMES, 9/22). The IL Veterans Coalition for Bush -- including ex-Marine P.X. Kelley -- held a news conference "right next door to the site where Clinton spoke" (Lilleston, ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, 9/22).

SWITCHIN' SIDES: Clinton "has tapped into a well" of GOP financial support" that other Dems "have not been able to touch, and it stretches from the conservative citadel of [Orange Co. CA] to the investments houses of lower Manhattan." Clinton has "courted" GOPers "and now it's beginning to pay off." Bush fundraisers "say they have fewer of their larger contributors" than in '88 and are "far off" their fundraising goals. NY Clinton fundraiser Kenneth Brody: "It's not easy for CEO's to come out for Democrats. ... Now it's happening in spades. People are willing to step up" (Labaton, N.Y. TIMES, 9/22).

STRATEGY: CBS' Threlkeld on Clinton's defensive strategy: "What's now missing in [Clinton's] message is what [Bush] used to call 'the vision thing.' Even some of [Clinton's] fans admit the best you can say about his campaign sermons on the stump these days is 'taste great, less filling.'" Clinton advisor David Wilhelm: "When we get up there and talk about the economic plan day after day after day that may cause some reporters eyes to glaze over, but it is what people want." Threlkeld: "Clinton's dogged determination to stay on message has helped keep him ahead of [Bush] in the polls, but it has not especially endeared him to the voters" (9/21).

SPECULATION: Stuart Rothenberg writes "it's time for everyone to start thinking about the unthinkable: an easy Clinton victory." His reasons: Bush is "not merely under 50% -- he's hovering around 40%"; the longer Clinton runs a good campaign, the better chance he has to make himself acceptable to doubters; the firmed GOP based is still weak; and polls show Bush weak in key states like NJ, OH, TX, IN and NH (ROTHENBERG POLITICAL REPORT, 9/18). L.A. TIMES Baum writes about the Dems who are "drooling over the possibility of punching the clock at the Clinton White House." NYC Consumer Affairs Commis. Mark Green: "These are people in their 40s, 50s and 60s who are horny for federal policy power and whose testosterone is kicking into overdrive now that Bill is 15 points ahead" (L.A. TIMES, 9/22). The O'Leary-Kamber Report floated ID AG Larry EchoHawk as a possible Interior Sec. in a Clinton administration. EchoHawk would "seriously consider" the post if offered: "I guess I wouldn't be surprised if I had an opportunity to serve in a Clinton administration." Also mentioned for Sec/Int: ex-AZ Gov. Bruce Babbitt, HI Gov. John Waihee and Sen. Tim Wirth (D-CO) (LEWISTON MORNING TRIBUNE, 9/18).

*5 PEROT: SAYS QUITTING RACE WAS "MISTAKE"; MEETS WITH DNC CHAIR
Ross Perot appeared on "CBS This Morning." Perot: "There is tremendous enthusiasm. We felt very strongly that we should give both parties a chance to face the issues. In retrospect, I think I made a mistake because they really didn't face the issues. But it's all in the hands of volunteers, they're evaluating it now." CBS' Zahn: "What do you mean you made a 'mistake?'" Perot: "We made a mistake to step aside in July. This will probably cause you to faint because you never heard anybody in public life say they made a mistake. ... The point is, I make mistakes, people make mistakes, we need a government where if you make a mistake

you say, 'Gee, I made a mistake American people and here's why I did it.' For example, if everybody around Iran-Contra on Day One had said 'boy we made a mistake,' think how many millions and millions of dollars we would have saved." On his previous statement that the Dem Party was "revitalized": "We thought there had been a greater sensitivity to listen to the people because of this huge grassroots effort. Now we find out that money still drives the process from the top down. ... The people running these parties just think we're out there like unprogrammed robots. They're going to give us a message over the television and November 3 we'll have enough in our little brains to go pull lever for them. That's not the way it works, that's not the way it's going to work this year" (9/22).

PEROT MEETS DNC CHAIR: CBS' Bill Lynch tells The HOTLINE that after their separate appearances on the program this a.m., Brown and Perot met privately for a half hour at CBS. Afterward, Brown refused to say anything about the substance of the meeting except that it was "friendly" and "frank." Perot termed it a "get-acquainted chat." Observers speculated that the two did speak about Perot's economic plan (HOTLINE sources, 9/22).

*6 QUAYLE: FINALLY...IT'S OVER

L.A. TIMES Braxton & Broder write, "Monday night it was Murphy Brown's turn to lecture Dan Quayle and did she ever. ... Quayle, meanwhile stuck by his guns, calling the show 'basically another Hollywood campaign contribution to Bill Clinton'" (9/22). Quayle watched the show with Zora Brown, who is seconded his nomination, in her NW D.C. apartment with six other single parents (mult.). Z. Brown review: "What we saw was something very serious to us being trivialized" (Waldman, NEWSDAY, 9/22). "Though Marilyn Quayle laughed several times, her husband only mustered a few smiles. His instant mini-review": "Obviously Hollywood just doesn't get it" (Urshel, USA TODAY, 9/22). Earlier, Quayle sent the fictional "baby Brown ... a stuffed toy elephant" and a note. Quayle in the note: "It is important to me that you know the respect and personal understanding I have for single mothers, who work hard to do their best for their children, often against the odds. President Bush and I want to do everything possible to make sure you and all children -- no matter what their family situations -- have the opportunity to grow up in prosperity and freedom" (W. TIMES, 9/22). The gift and note were supposed to be read on "CBS This Morning" yesterday, but the producers of the show "declined to have the letter and present opened" on the air. They instead issued a statement saying they were going to send the gift to "a homeless shelter so that a real child can enjoy it." Quayle press/sec. David Beckwith: "I find it particularly ironic that the Hollywood liberals, those defenders of free speech, didn't want to give [Quayle] a few seconds to express his views" (Tapscott, W. POST, 9/22). Quayle spent the day in KY, where he "repeated his broader attack on Hollywood and used a new attack line against" Clinton: "Did you see what Bill Clinton said the other day when he was in Hollywood? Bill Clinton said this: 'I want Hollywood to write the future of America.'" After "a chorus of boos" Quayle added: "I want you, the people, to write the future of America, and I want Hollywood to start reflecting basic values in this country." Quayle's remark "drew loud applause" both in Bowling Green and in Lexington at a nat'l homebuilders' convention, Quayle added that the remark will become "a tag line in my speeches probably for the duration of the campaign." The

Clinton camp said Quayle misquoted him. Clinton at the Hollywood fundraiser: "I want you to be a part of the administration, not just a part of a winning campaign. I want you to do more than write a check. I want you to write a new future for the [USA]. I want you to be a part of that" (Bartlett/Cross, Louisville COURIER-JOURNAL, 9/22).

CRITICAL REVIEWS: W. POST's Shale: "Part of Dan Quayle's problem was taking 'Murphy Brown' too seriously, but now the producers of the show have unfortunately outdone him. They delivered a sermon where they should have rendered a romp" (9/22). USA TODAY's Roush: Much of the show "felt as lumpy as the potatoes dumped on Quayle's driveway, a weak parting shot" (9/22).

OFF THE AIR: KTLA-TV "is not repeating" a 10-second promo featuring Quayle. Ann-cr: "So what's your favorite TV program?" Quayle: "'Murphy Brown' on KTLA Channel 5 -- NOT!" KTLA "was concerned about the so-called 'equal-time' provision." Clinton spokesperson Jay Ziegler "says the campaign is not planning to ask for equal time": "There's no clearer statement of Dan Quayle's hypocrisy than his promotion of a television show that he says has no family values" (AP/W. TIMES, 9/22).

MURPHY'S PARTING SHOTS: Murphy Brown, responding to Quayle after his speech was shown in a fictional news cast: "Glamorized single-motherhood? What planet is he on? Look at me Frank, am I glamorous?" The show closed with an ACME produce truck dumping a load of potatoes on Quayle's driveway (CBS, 9/21).

*7 GORE: NAME SURFACES IN ENVIRO LAWSUIT

Under header "Sold down the river," W. TIMES' Hedges reports Gore's name has surfaced in a multi-million dollar TN lawsuit brought by a group of Pigeon River landowners against Champion International Corp. paper company alleging enviro. violations have lowered their property values. Gore wrote a letter to the EPA 10/87 "asking it to consider a Champion proposal concerning discharge" into the river "that was less stringent than the agency's guideline." Gore "sold out the interest of a rural [TN] county concerned about river pollution to pursue his presidential ambitions in 1988." A memo written by Champion executives indicated Gore "would back a company move to lessen federal standards ... in return for the support" of NC officials in the '88 presidential race. The memo said Sen. Terry Sanford (D-NC) "believed Mr. Gore would back Champion's plan to avoid more stringent" regulations. From the memo: "[Sanford] expects to change Gore's position to one where he would publicly kick and scream about the new, less-stringent permit, but he would give the signal [to EPA officials] that he had no real opposition to it." Gore's letter to the EPA was written 4 months before the NC primary, which he won. Gore spokesperson Marla Romash said Gore doesn't remember meeting with a Champion lobbyist on the date mentioned in the memo: "I think it never happened. The sense is that that memo is a lobbyist's fantasy." Dead Pigeon River Foundation treas. Cindie Runnion: "[Gore] is right out front on the rain forests and other issues outside the [U.S.] when it won't cost him any political woes" (9/22).

"TODAY": Gore appeared on NBC's "Today" via satellite, and took questions from a panel of three undecided voters, two women and a man. Each was interested in certain issues, but all were frustrated by the lack of attention paid to specifics, by the candidates. Gore: "What I'm hearing from these three voters is a lot more emphasis on the issues and a give take from the

candidates and less bashing." Each panelist asked one question and received an in-depth answer. On health care: "We have proposed universal health insurance. Not a government-run plan, but a national plan that requires that competition take place on who can deliver the competition most efficiently. ... Governor Clinton and I believe that if criminal has the right to a lawyer, then every family has the right to see a doctor of their own choosing." Gore also answered questions on the economy and education (9/22).

*8 TV TUNE-ON: BUSH DOMINATES NIGHTLY NETS, CLINTON AD REVIEWS

N.Y. TIMES reports that in the "last few weeks, [Bush] has succeeded in dominating the news with far more regularity than" Clinton. According to the Center for Media and Public Affairs, from the end of the GOP convention to Labor Day, Bush received 131 minutes of network news time to Clinton's 84 (Kolbert, 9/22).

CLINTON ADS: Clinton "threw the first mud this weekend with an ad that pointedly contrasts [Bush'] upbeat assessment of the economy with grim economic statistics." Dem consultant David Axelrod: "Negative media is like radiation therapy ... if you use it judiciously it can help you. If you use it injudiciously, you can kill yourself with it" (Bayer/Stern, COPLEYS NEWS, 9/22). From an ad watch box in the MIAMI HERALD: "THE ANALYSIS: Keeps the focus on the economy, Clinton's best issue and Bush's worst. It capitalizes on the fact that perceptions of the economy are worse than the reality" (9/21).

BUSH ADS: Bush-Quayle "denied yesterday that it is avoiding CBS in buying air time for its television ads." Jack Irving, an executive with the firm making all the Bush-Quayle buys: "We are not trying to ignore CBS whatsoever ... CBS has not had availability in prime time in the last two weeks." Bush-Quayle had purchased \$636,000 worth of ad time on CBS from 9/7 to 9/27, "mostly on weekend sports, compared with more than \$3 million on ABC and more than \$2 million on NBC" (Berkowitz, NEWSDAY, 9/22). Senior Bush advisor Charles Black on possible draft spots aimed at Clinton noted, "There's stuff taped you could make spots out of," but "they're not exactly finished." Black also noted a decision has not yet been made on whether to run the spots (USA TODAY, 9/22).

*9 CANDIDATE SCHEDULES

	9/22	9/23	9/24	9/25	9/26
CLINTON 501/399-3840 D. Seldin	E.Lansing Detroit MI	GABusTrip Columbus to Vldsta	NJ NY	WhtPlnsNY Boston MA	
GORE 501/399-3840 K. McKiernan	Savannah Columbus GA	GABusTrip Columbus to Vldsta	Morgantwn NC L.I. NY	NYC DC	
BUSH 202/336-7080 T. Clarke	MO,OK,TX, LA,MS MemphisTN	State College PA	DC		
QUAYLE 202/456-7034	HoustonTX PhoenixAZ	FtWorthTX OK City	DC	DC	

===== THE TOP TEN =====

*10 CALIFORNIA (54): GOP LETTER TAKES SHOT AT HUMOR

SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS reports the Bush-Quayle CA campaign "issued a 'tongue-in-cheek' news release again raising the fidelity question" concerning Clinton. The release was a "Top Ten" list of reasons why CA GOPers watched the season premiere of "Murphy Brown" last night. The No. 1 reason: "They 'learned that Bill Clinton might be the father' of Murphy's new baby." Bush-Quayle CA spokesperson James Lee "said he and others in the Sacramento [HQ] office worked in a 'collaborative effort' to draw up the list in order to 'put a little humor in the debate.'" Lee "rejected a suggestion that joking about Clinton's fidelity might have violated Bush's declaration that his campaign wouldn't raise such personal issues": "We can deal with humor. That's all we intended it to be. If people are going to make an issue out of it, then obviously a lot of people don't have a sense of humor." Clinton-Gore CA spokesperson Jay Ziegler: "It really shows that no matter how hard they try, even diving into the fictional realm, they still can't stay out of the gutter" (9/22).

*11 FLORIDA (25): NOT ON TRAVEL MAPS YET

ORLANDO SENTINEL's Crawford & Groer report "don't look for" Bush, Clinton, Quayle or Gore in FL "anytime soon. ... Both campaigns hope to lure their principals to Florida, but things are still a bit fluid, especially since the campaigns may have to work around a debate schedule. (Then again, they may not.)" Bush-Quayle FL co-chair Jeb Bush "has been predicting (hoping?) that Clinton" -- like Dukakis and Mondale -- "will fold his tent in Florida and campaign, instead, in states where he has a better chance of winning." But Clinton aides in Tampa "insist their man will slug it out for the duration" in FL. Several Clinton fund-raisers planned for this month in FL have been canceled "so as not to offend thousands of voters whose lives were shattered" by Hurricane Andrew. In place of one Miami event, a plane was chartered and 100 big donors were flown to DC for an event with Gore. The event raised close to \$700,000 (9/20).

*12 NEW JERSEY (15): CLINTON LEAD AT 13-POINTS

Newark STAR-LEDGER/Eagleton Poll surveyed 663 registered voters from 9/9-15; margin of error +/- 4% (9/22). NOTE: Perot's name was not included in the trial heat question.

2-WAY

Clinton	52%	MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE?	
Bush	39	Unemployment	43% Health care 5%
Undec.	7	Other econ.	30 Soc. services 4

WILL HE RAISE TAXES?

	YES	NO
Bush	66%	26%
Clinton	76	15

BEST TO DEAL WITH TOP ISSUE?

Clinton	43%
Bush	23
No difference	26

NO NIX ON DIX? In his speech to the U.N., Bush said Fort Dix "may be used as a site to train United Nations peace-keeping forces. Maybe, however, is the operative word." Fort Dix was listed on the Pentagon's list of bases slated to close or be scaled down. "Dix has terminated basic training and drastically

reduced its civilian force" (PHILA. INQUIRER, 9/22). NJ legislators from the Dix area "were ecstatic -- and said it could help Bush in the state" (N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 9/22). N.Y. POST notes Bush's statement was a surprise to Florio "and the Army could provide no details" (Orin, 9/22).

TRAVEL CHECK: ASBURY PARK PRESS' Kruse notes NJ hasn't gone Dem since '64. "But so far, the polls are saying that Garden State likes ... Clinton best. So is that why we're seeing so much of George Bush lately? And where the heck has Bill Clinton been anyway? ... For Clinton, the state is important, but not considered as much as a 'must-win' as it is in the Republican camp." Bush spokesperson Torie Clarke: "We will work like dogs, but we will win New Jersey." Clinton hasn't been in NJ since his first bus trip in July, but aides "say that is about to change." Clinton is expected to visit NJ this week, "possibly on Thursday." Clinton NJ dir. Rich Gannon: "It looks like [NJ] is going to be paid more attention to. We think it's a very winnable state, and the campaign has decided to focus more resources and the candidate's time here." There have been suggestions by GOPers that Clinton hasn't come to NJ so he "won't be linked" to Gov. Jim Florio. Rutgers' Steve Salmore: "The one issue [Dems] are vulnerable on is taxes. Who exemplifies that weakness on taxes better than Florio? And why would he want to give [GOPers] the opportunity to take a shot of them together -- Bill Clinton and Jim Florio, perfect together" (9/21).

***13 PENNSYLVANIA (23): GORE HITS FAMILY LEAVE**

Campaigning in Bristol, PA, Gore "chose an intensely personal way of criticizing President Bush for opposition" to the Family Leave bill passed by Congress last week. As he did at the convention, Gore referred to his son's accident (he was hit by a car) and how he and his wife stayed with him in the hospital. Gore said other families held "similar lengthy vigils," and "some of them lost their jobs. They were fired. Some of them had to sell their homes. ... There's no way George Bush can look the people of this country in the eye and say he's for family leave." The event preceded two fund-raisers held by local Dem activists, which raised \$400,000 for Dem efforts (PHILA. DAILY NEWS, 9/22).

***14 NORTH CAROLINA (14): BUSH TO MAKE FLY-BY TOMORROW**

Bush will spend two hours in Greensboro tomorrow -- "enough time to wave to folks when he arrives at the airport, give a speech, and zoom to the next stop on the campaign trail." The NC stop comes during the 2nd day of a two-day "charge" through eight states, most of them southern. From SC, he heads to State College, PA, home of Penn State. Gore, who was in Wilmington, NC, on 9/19, is tentatively scheduled to be in Morgantown on 9/24 (Effron, Greensboro NEWS & RECORD, 9/22).

***15 THE OTHER FORTY**

IDAHO (4): IDAHO STATESMAN's Popkey reviews Quayle's weekend trip to the state comparing it to a '90 campaign stop when Quayle misspoke denying price-gouging by oil companies during the Gulf War: "This time, there was no chance for a screwup." The WH advance team "was clever enough to keep reporters behind yellow ropes and away from voters who might express doubts about the veep. ... the bait worked. Reports on the visit focused on the managed events" (9/20). Dave Pearson, spokesman for retiring Sen. Steve Symms (R), said support for Symms to be Interior Sec. in the next Bush Admin. is beginning to

"steamroll" (STATESMAN, 9/19). Idaho Falls POST-REGISTER's Randy Stapilus lists his reasons Symms won't be Interior Sec., including this on environmentalists: "You thought James Watt was a cause celebre? Wait'll they get a load of this" (9/20).

MINNESOTA (10): A KARE-TV poll, conducted 9/15-16 by Political/Media Research, surveyed 802 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (9/18).

2-WAY	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	3-WAY	ALL	FAV/UNFAV
Clinton	51%	47%	55%	Clinton	44%	37% / 27%
Bush	39	44	35	Bush	33	32 / 44
Undec.	10	9	10	Perot	12	24 / 49
				Undec.	11	

MISSISSIPPI (7): A NATCHEZ DEMOCRAT poll, conducted 9/10-11 by Mason-Dixon Political/Media Research, surveyed 821 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (9/17).

2-WAY	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	WHITE	BLACK	3-WAY	ALL	FAV/UNFAV
Bush	46%	50%	43%	64%	6%	Bush	39%	54% / 26%
Clinton	40	37	42	21	83	Clinton	37	40 / 37
Undec.	14	13	15	15	11	Perot	11	17 / 44
						Undec.	13	

MISSOURI (11): ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/KMOX Radio poll, conducted 9/12-16 by the Univ/MO Media Research Bureau, surveyed 480 registered voters; margin of error +/- 4.4% (9/20).

	ALL	W/LNRS	IND
Clinton	49%	52%	44%
Bush	28	31	26
Perot	7	9	
Undec.	16	8	

The poll was started 9/12, "the day after Bush formally announced that he had approved the sale of F-15 fighters" by McDonnell-Douglas to Saudi Arabia (Schlinkmann, 9/20).

ENDORSEMENT: ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH endorses Clinton: "Having someone in the White House who understands what is required if the nation is to enjoy a high standard of living and to compete in the global marketplace is crucial. Mr. Clinton understands" (9/20). POST-DISPATCH's Woo uses his column to explain the early timing of the endorsement: "The truth is that we had made up our mind and were unlikely to change it" (9/20).

NEW HAMPSHIRE (4): Banner headline in CONCORD SUNDAY MONITOR: "Clinton: I can win New Hampshire." In an interview with the paper, Clinton "said he intended to return" to NH, but gave no date: "We're working on a New England swing right now." He said he could be the first Dem to win NH since LBJ in '64, "because his economic message had time to sink in there" (9/20). While Dems "believe" Clinton has a chance to win NH, ex-Gov. Hugh Gregg (R), a Bush backer, "said the Bush campaign in [NH] is no campaign": "There's nobody in charge." Gregg said he thought Sam Lessey would run the Bush-Quayle effort in NH, but noted Lessey "doesn't seem to have any instructions from Washington at all." NH GOP chair Rona Charbonneau said she, Lessey and Hugh Gregg would be organizing the campaign, along with Gregg's son, Gov. Judd Gregg, the GOP Senate nominee and official Bush-Quayle NH chair. But MONITOR's Stradling notes, "So far, Judd Gregg has done more to distance himself from the president than sing his praises." Ex-NH AG Tom Rath: "Most involved, active Republicans

... believe that the presidential race is wide open. They worry about the president's ability to carry the state" (9/20).

SOUTH CAROLINA (8): Columbia STATE's Bandy on the plane rented by GOPers which flew over a Clinton campaign stop with a "No Draft Dodger for President" sign: "Was it a dirty trick? No. Was it a violation of federal election law? Maybe." Bandy notes a newsletter distributed in AL which shows Clinton on stage at the convention with Hillary, Chelsea and Reggie Jackson, the 12-year old black singer. The caption asked readers if they could "handle this family as First Family." Bush-Quayle southern regional chair/SC Gov. Carroll Campbell (R) phoned Jackson to apologize. SC DNC member Don Fowler equated the plane and letter as examples of GOP "dirty tricks." Bandy: "He would be more accurate to dub [the plane] a negative campaign hit" (9/20).

VERMONT (3): DNC chair Ron Brown spoke at Middlebury College 9/20. Brown, a graduate and trustee of the school, "discussed the presidential battle" at a ceremony for the inauguration of a new Middlebury president. Asked of VT's importance, Brown "pointed" to visits from Al and Tipper Gore and noted Sen. Tim Wirth (D-CO) is coming this week as a representative (Hill, BURLINGTON FREE-PRESS, 9/21).

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SENATE WATCH =====

*16 COLORADO: CAMPBELL, CONSIDINE MEET IN FIRST DEBATE

Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-03) and ex-state Sen. Terry Considine (R) "battered each other with personal punches" 9/19 during their first debate sending the race into "its ugliest turn yet." The two "left few topics untouched, charging each other with cowardice, hypocrisy, greed and dishonesty. ... The tone was set early on as Considine charged that Campbell 'stepped over the line' when he visited Alaska at the expense of an oil company." In turn, Campbell accused Considine of "campaigning on 'distortions, accusations, negativism and outright fabrications' and called his campaign literature 'absolute trash.' Considine's aggressive start to the debate underscored a need to jump-start his lagging campaign, which has been beset by controversy" (Herrick, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 9/20). The two were "far more congenial" during a KWGN-TV debate 9/20 where they were "quizzed on environmental issues by a panel of journalists." Both "wrestled hard for the middle of the road in their answers to numerous questions, each arguing for a balance between [enviro] and economic concerns" (NEWS, 9/21). Campbell admitted his enviro record was "mixed" (Kirksey, DENVER POST, 9/21).

CONSIDINE BUSINESS DEALINGS: R.M. NEWS editorial takes issue with Campbell's attack on Considine's business dealings, accusing Campbell of "misrepresenting what is perfectly legal and ethical business behavior." NEWS charges Campbell with "diverting the campaign away from the issues ... and instead [has] focused on a couple of loans that a partnership involving Terry Considine assumed then defaulted on. ... [It's] a tad sleazy; on a factual level, the allegation is even bizarre" (9/21). POST's Spencer: "It should be pointed out that no one has suggested that any evil has been done here. However, the fact that Terry Considine has made an issue of purity in government may have heightened interest in his situation (9/20).

*17 GEORGIA: HOUSE BANK ISSUE RESURFACES

Sen. Wyche Fowler (D) released a letter requesting his records from his time as a House member from the now-defunct House Bank "in an effort to separate himself" from the scandal. House admin. official George Chapin said it was "highly unlikely" any information would be released before the election. Fowler has "repeatedly denied" bouncing checks (Sherman/Cummings, ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 9/16). Fowler is on record in an '86 court document from child-support-related testimony saying: "Thankfully we have a bank that doesn't zap me when I bounce a check because we have our own bank." However, Fowler has "flat-out denied" ever writing a check against insufficient funds (ATLANTA BUSINESS CHRONICLE, 9/4-10 issue). Ex-Peace Corps dir. Paul Coverdell (R) charged Fowler with "not being straight with voters" about his bank record and that he has "already ... lied in either the deposition or to [GA] voters" (MARIETTA DAILY JOURNAL, 9/15). Fowler released his bank statements, but "they did not indicate whether he had incurred any overdrafts" (CONSTITUTION, 9/16). CONSTITUTION editorial: "The question seems open once more, not because Mr. Fowler's opposition has identified some glaring new weakness, but because of [his] own reaction to what otherwise would have been perceived as relatively trivial campaign attacks" (9/21).

COVERDELL SIGNS "LEAD OR LEAVE": Coverdell signed the "lead or leave" pledge saying, if elected, he would not run for a 2nd term if the deficit were not cut in half by '96. Fowler: "We've seen pledges made and broken by presidents and candidates. ... This is apparently Mr. Coverdell's version of 'read my lips'" (CONSTITUTION, 9/12). AUGUSTA CHRONICLE editorial: "[Coverdell] is to be commended for his candor and commitment. It stands in stark contrast to the cynical response by [Fowler]" (9/16).

BNL: Court records unsealed last week showed Fowler was among those investigated in the BNL scandal but "the charges proved groundless." Christopher Drogoul, who pleaded guilty to 60 felony charges associated with BNL this summer, said Fowler was involved "through his personal relationship" with ex-BNL employee Jean Ivey. Ivey has been granted immunity in the prosecution by the US Atty (MARIETTA DAILY JOURNAL, 9/14).

ALSO: Fowler is on the air with TV spots about his background and GA roots. He made a \$200,000 TV buy earlier this month that includes commercial time through the election.

***18 MISSOURI: BOND AT 56% AGAINST ROTHMAN-SEROT**

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/KMOX radio poll surveyed 480 registered voters from 9/12-16; margin of error +/- 4.4% (POST-DISPATCH, 9/21). Tested: Sen. Kit Bond (R), St. Louis County Council member Geri Rothman-Serot (D).

Bond	56%
Rothman-Serot	34

***19 NEW HAMPSHIRE: FORUM BECOMES REFERENDUM ON GREGG**

Businessman John Rauh (D) and Larry Brady (I) used a Nashua political forum 9/20 to lob "a few zingers" at Gov. Judd Gregg (R), who couldn't attend. Rauh cited the fact that NH was rated 49th nationally in job creation and 3rd in corporate bankruptcies as examples of Gregg's "failure" as governor. "Both took shots at Gregg on the issue of the federal deficit" (Annis, Manchester UNION LEADER, 9/21). Rauh said Gregg's latest TV ad "falsely brands" him as a "liberal spender and should be pulled from the air." Gregg "stood by the ad, which he said lays out their differences accurately": "It's a fairly vanilla description of the two sides -- a fiscal conservative vs. a liberal." The ad "says the candidates differ on the federal deficit: Gregg wants to reduce it now while Rauh wants to wait." Both candidates "have plans to attack the deficit immediately," though Rauh has projected it will take 8-12 years (9/16). KEENE SENTINEL editorial: "It is flat out dishonest to paint [Rauh] as a tax-and-spend liberal. His background is in business, where he ran a multimillion-dollar corporation for a decade" (9/16).

CHAIN REACTION: BOSTON PHOENIX's Sandler writes "as the Bush campaign stokes the fires of doubt about Bill Clinton's Vietnam draft record the national media are using the occasion to check Republican pols who sidestepped the draft. Among them: Judd Gregg." Gregg's medical deferment was questioned in '88, as Quayle came under scrutiny. But Gregg has "vehemently denied" his father, ex-NH Gov. Hugh Gregg, helped secure a deferment. In '88, Judd Gregg told UPI he "had undergone one physical examination" and at the time told the physician he had bad knees. Later, he said "sleepwalking and severe acne contributed to his deferment." Gregg, several years ago: "There was no influence used. It implies I was lying, it implies my father is lying and it implies the Selective Service is corrupt" (9/18).

*20 NORTH DAKOTA "B": CONRAD TO RUN; COURT HEARS CASE THIS WEEK

Retiring Sen. Kent Conrad (D) "says he will respond to the urgings of hundreds of North Dakotans, including most [Dem] officials, and run for the Senate seat left vacant by the death of Sen. Quentin Burdick." The decision "marks a reversal in Conrad's plans to leave the Senate at the end of his current [term], and sets the stage for a fierce political battle ... At issue will be Conrad's [4/2] declaration that he would not seek re-election, thereby abiding by a 1986 campaign pledge to step down if the federal deficit, trade deficits and real interest rates remained out of control." Conrad, who is declining interviews until he returns to ND after the Senate adjourns: "The overwhelming majority have said that when I decided to seek re-election to my seat five months ago, I kept my pledge ... Now with the death of Sen. Burdick, we face a new situation. I believe that is clearly the case." State Rep. Jack Dalrymple (R), who announced last week: "I thought he really had enough of Washington. I think now it's clear that it's all a very much planned out situation, and I think that's really deplorable." ND GOP chair Kevin Cramer charges Dems and Conrad with "orchestrating his candidacy," citing Gov. George Sinner's (D) call for a 11/3 election "despite legal evidence" the election "must take place in December." ND GOPers have "begun a campaign to draft" ex-Sen. Mark Andrews (R), whom Conrad beat in '86 (Wood, GRAND FORKS HERALD, 9/22). ND Dem-NPLers will officially choose their candidate at the 10/3 state convention; Conrad and ex-ND Labor Commis. Byron Knutson (D) are the only declared candidates. GOPers make their pick 10/4. As of his 7/15 FEC filing, Conrad had \$600,00 cash-on-hand; a spokesperson could not say how much of that remains (Cecil, FARGO FORUM, 9/22).

COURT TO HEAR CASE: ND Sup. Court "agreed" with Sec/State Jim Kusler (D), who filed a "friendly lawsuit" against Sinner to "expedite [court] review of the case." Kusler contends ND law requires the special election to be held sometime between 12/4-7. Sinner, who said he was trying to save on costs of a separate election, "conceded the 'totality of the evidence' might go against the [11/3] date": "What I had to do was get the question to the Supreme Court as soon as possible" (HERALD, 9/22).

*21 OHIO: GLENN LEAD WIDENS TO 24 POINTS

An Akron BEACON JOURNAL poll conducted 9/8-16 by Univ. of Akron Survey Research Center, surveyed 669 registered voters; margin of error +/- 4% (BEACON JOURNAL, 9/21). Tested: Sen. John Glenn (D) and LG Mike DeWine (R).

	ALL	W/LEANERS	GLENN JOB PERF.			
Glenn	46%	58%	Exc.	7%	Poor	10%
DeWine	22	29	Good	38	Very poor	5
DK/other	32	13	Fair	26	No opin.	14

Dewine spokesperson Curt Steiner: "The lens was unfocused when the snapshot was taken. ... It was at a time when Glenn was in the middle of a significant media buy and we were not." Glenn was on the air for a week and a half before the Labor Day weekend "and then again for three days at the beginning of the survey period" (Hoffman, Akron BEACON JOURNAL, 9/21). Under header, "DeWine gives Glenn 1st real challenge," DAYTON DAILY NEWS' Theis writes Glenn "admits he's worried": "No question, the voters aren't happy with Washington." U./Cincy's Al Tuchfarber: "There is a chance that DeWine can actually win this election. I don't

think it's a particularly large chance, but DeWine has definitely engaged Glenn in a real contest for the first time" (9/14).

***22 OKLAHOMA: LEWIS DISPUTES CONTENT OF NICKLES' ADS**

Ex-House speaker Steve Lewis (D) attacked Sen. Don Nickles' (R) ads "challenging" his position on defense spending as "totally dishonest and Don Nickles knows it." The ad, which began airing 9/16, "claims Lewis supports a plan to cut defense by \$150 billion a year" thus increasing state unemployment and forcing the closure of military bases and defense industry (English, DAILY OKLAHOMAN, 9/18). Lewis: "With the overwhelming need to reinvest our tax dollars in America we should not spend our tax dollars defending Germany and Japan" (KVOO radio, 9/17). Lewis offered a 10-point economic growth plan including reducing the "\$150 billion we annually spend to defend Europe and Japan while they use their tax dollars to beat our brains out economically" (AP/TULSA WORLD, 9/11). Nickles was named to Environmental Action's "Dirty Dozen" list of legislators with the worst enviro. records (Lewis release, 9/16).

***23 SOUTH CAROLINA: HOLLINGS AS OUTSIDER; HARTNETT HOSTS STROM**

Although Sen. Fritz Hollings (D) "has worked on Capital Hill for 26 years ... it's hard to figure that out from watching him on television these days." Hollings' new ads feature him "blasting those in the nation's capital": "If those boys up Washington cared half as much about your checkbook as they do their own, we could get this country moving again." The spots also "boast" Hollings ability to get things done for SC (Karr, AP/Charleston POST & COURIER, 9/20). NRSC chair Sen. Phil Gramm (R-TX) said the ads won't help Hollings "overcome an incumbent backlash": "I think people know who is in Washington and who's not" (GREENVILLE NEWS, 9/15). Ex-Rep. Tommy Hartnett (R) says he "will be getting more help than expected" from Sen. Strom Thurmond (R). In addition to a "lukewarm endorsement," Thurmond agreed to be the "featured-speaker" at a Hartnett fundraiser next month. Gov. Carroll Campbell (R) has also "agreed to make more appearances for him in the coming weeks" (POST & COURIER, 9/19).

*24 HOT HOUSE RACES: CQ OFFERS LIST OF TOP 61 RACES TO WATCH
CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY's survey of 435 House seats shows that 141 of 349 incumbents facing re-election "face opposition of enough consequence that, at minimum, their contests warrant attention." Five are incumbent vs. incumbent redistricting match-ups. 56 CDs are "most competitive": 27 incumbents (16D, 11R), 29 open seats. Incumbents listed in CAPS (9/19 issue).

INCUMBENT VS. INCUMBENT			MOST COMPETITIVE (56) cont'd		
CD	DEM	GOP	CD	DEM	GOP
IA 02	NAGLE	NUSSLE	ME 02	McGowan	SNOWE
LA 05	HUCKABY	MCCRERY	MA 03	EARLY	Blute
LA 06	HOLLOWAY	BAKER	MA 05	Meehan	Cronin
MD 01	MCMILLEN	GILCHREST	MA 06	MAVROULES	Torkldsn
MT AL	WILLIAMS	MARLENEE	MI 01	Stupak	Ruppe
			MN 06	SIKORSKI	Grams
MOST COMPETITIVE (56)			MO 02	HORN	Talent
CD	DEM	GOP	MO 06	Danner	COLEMAN
AL 02	Wallace	Everett	NJ 06	PALLONE	Kyrillos
AL 06	ERDREICH	Bachus	NJ 08	Klein	Bubba
AK AL	Devens	YOUNG	NY 01	HOCHBR'KNER	Romaine
AZ 06	English	Wead	NY 26	Hinchey	Moppert
CA 01	Hamburg	RIGGS	NC 11	Stevens	TAYLOR
CA 11	Garamendi	Pombo	OH 10	OAKAR	Hoke
CA 14	Eshoo	Huening	OH 13	Brown	Mueller
CA 36	Harman	Flores	OH 15	Cordray	Pryce
CA 38	Braude	Horn		Reidelbach (I)	
CA 42	BROWN	Rutan	OH 19	Fingerhut	Gardner
CA 43	Takano	Calvert	OR 01	Furse	Meeker
CA 49	Schenk	Jarvis	PA 06	Holden	Jones
CO 03	Callihan	McInnis	PA 08	KOSTMAYER	Greenwood
CT 05	Lawlor	FRANKS	TX 02	WILSON	Peterson
FL 01	HUTTO	Ketchel	TX 16	COLEMAN	Taberski
FL 04	Hair	Fowler	TX 23	BUSTAMANTE	Bonilla
FL 12	Mims	Canaday	UT 02	Shepherd	Greene
FL 15	BACCHUS	Tolley	VA 01	Fox	BATEMAN
FL 22	Margolis	SHAW	VA 06	Musselwhite	Goodlatte
GA 01	Christmas	Kingston	VA 11	Byrne	Butler
GA 04	Steinberg	Linder	WA 01	Cantwell	Nelson
ID 02	Williams	Crapo	WA 04	Inslee	Hastings
IL 16	COX	Manzullo	WA 09	Kreidler	vonRchber
IA 03	Baxter	LIGHTFOOT	WI 02	Deer	KLUG
KY 05	Hays	ROGERS			

*25 HOUSE RACE BRIEFINGS

CA 01: "In an attempt to distance himself from President Bush, who trails badly" in CA's North Coast, Rep. Frank Riggs (R-01) "is actively seeking the endorsements" of Perot's cmtes. To date, Riggs has succeeded in garnering support from the Solano, Humboldt, Mendocino and Sonoma Perot for President Cmtes. Riggs faces Dem Dan Hamburg (S.F. CHRONICLE, 9/21).

CA 23: Simi Valley ENTERPRISE reports a Dem poll (500 RVs surveyed ending 9/10; +/- 3-5%), which shows Rep. Elton Gallegly (R-21) trailing Anita Perez Ferguson (D) by 47-45% (9/18). L.A. TIMES reports NRA official David Gibbons said the group will "do whatever it takes" to reelect Gallegly, "considered one of its staunchest supporters." Gibbons declined to disclose how much

the NRA plans to spend (9/18).

IA 02: The Iowa poll surveyed 259 registered voters 9/8-16; margin of error +/- 6.1%. Tested: Reps. Dave Nagle (D-03) and Jim Nussle (R-02) (DES MOINES REGISTER, 9/19).

	NOW	6/92
Nagle	52%	44%
Nussle	38	43
Undec.	10	13

Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) "criticized" Nussle for "failing to return a cost-of-living increase in his salary to the U.S. Treasury," which he vowed to do 1/92. Nussle said he had not returned the 3.5% increase (about \$4,400 annually), "because he was told he had to receive his entire salary before he could give any of it back to the government." Nussle press sec. Lisa Estrada said Nussle has decided to return the money in a "lump sum at the end of the year and will wind up paying taxes on the increase" (Norman, DES MOINES REGISTER, 9/18).

IA 03: The Iowa poll surveyed 254 registered voters 9/8-16; margin of error +/- 6.2%. Tested: Rep. Jim Lightfoot (R-05) and Sec/State Elaine Baxter (D) (DES MOINES REGISTER, 9/19)

	NOW	6/92
Baxter	52%	47%
Lightfoot	36	34

NY 08: Saying she wasn't "running as a grieving widow," Sonya Hoover Weiss "joined the intense jockeying for" the seat of her late husband, Rep. Ted Weiss (D). Weiss: "I just came to the realization that I wanted to do it" (N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 9/22). Assemblyman Jerry Nadler (D) "continued to lead the six-way pack" for the seat, but "a 'Stop Jerry Nadler' campaign materialized." Although NYC Mayor David Dinkins "said he is neutral in the race," three "separate sources said his aides are pursuing an anti-Nadler effort" (Seifman, N.Y. POST, 9/22). NYC Councilwoman Ronnie Eldridge (D) won the support of Manhattan B.P. Ruth Messinger. "Eldridge also got the support of other politicians, feminists, artists and civic and labor leaders." Members of the Manhattan, Bronx and Brooklyn Co. Dem cmtes votes 9/23 on the nominee. "Because about 65% of the voters in the new Manhattan-Brooklyn district are in Manhattan, the Manhattan tally is paramount in the nomination." Others: ex-Rep. Bella Abzug, state Sen. Frantz Leichter and Assemblymen Richard Gottfried. GOP candidate David Askren "is given little chance to win in a [CD] long dominated by liberal" Dems (DAILY NEWS, 9/21). Gov. Cuomo "sharply narrowed his choice" to Abzug and Eldridge, saying he would be "particularly pleased to see a woman" added to the NY delegation. Eldridge is an ex-Cuomo appointee (N.Y. POST, 9/21).

OH 06: Ted Strickland (D) issued a release criticizing Rep. Bob McEwen's (R-06) franked mail as a "gross manipulation of the public trust and the moral equivalent of stealing." Strickland: "[It's] a smoke screen for things he doesn't want us to know about." Strickland cited McEwen's 166 House bank overdrafts. McEwen manager Barbara Briggs "slammed back at Strickland for engaging in 'gutter politics'" (Dayton JOURNAL-HERALD, 9/18).

OH 10: Martin Hoke (R) "predicted he would do well in the heavily-Republican West Shore suburbs of Bay Village, Rocky River and Westlake" -- new territory to Rep. Mary Rose Oakar (D-20). He said Oakar "would probably run well on the West Side of Cleveland, which she has represented" for 16 years. Hoke said that leaves Parma and Lakewood -- "the two largest suburbs" in

the 10th -- "the pivotal battlegrounds in the race." Dems outnumber the GOP by 4-to-1 in Panama and nearly 2-to-1 in Lakewood, but Hoke noted Reagan carried both counties in '80 and '84. Hoke said the election "would largely be a referendum on Oakar," who he called "the poster child of what's wrong with Congress" (Luttner, Cleveland PLAIN DEALER, 9/17).

TX 02: Buisnesswoman Donna Peterson (R) "announced her support for a bipartisan IRA-style health care plan" that Rep. Charles Wilson (D) called "a sham." Peterson endorses a "voluntary health care plan that would allow employers to divert the average \$4,500 a year they spend on each employee's heath care into a \$3,000 medical savings account and a \$1,500 catastrophic insurance policy." Peterson said the plan "would lover health care costs because people using their own money would 'shop around' and forego unneeded expenses because the money left over at the end of each year is theirs to keep." Wilson supports a "single-payer insurance system where the federal government would set specific costs for health care nationwide, which would eliminate health insurance companies all together" (BEAUMONT ENTERPRISE, 9/16). HOUSTON CHRONICLE header: "Will '92 be Wilson's Waterloo?" Subhead: "Check scandal, wily opponent make 11th term a tough sell" (9/20).

===== INSIDER COMMENTARY =====

*26 BATTLEGROUND TRACKING POLL: 21 POINTS OR 6 POINTS?

GOP pollster Ed Goeas conducts the national "Battleground" tracking poll, which although not sponsored by The HOTLINE, appears each day in these pages/screens.

HOTLINE: The ABC/W.POST shows Clinton up 21-points nationally. "Battleground" shows it a 6-point race. Why?

GOEAS: There are two major differences between the polls. First, they are asking the ballot as a ticket ballot -- "the GOP ticket of Bush-Quayle vs. the [Dem] ticket of Clinton-Gore" -- rather than "George Bush the Republican vs. Bill Clinton the Democrat." In states we have gone into early we were doing a split-sample and asking the ballot question both ways to see what the results were. What we were finding is that asking the ballot that way was giving about a 5-6% advantage to the Clinton-Gore ticket -- to some extent because of negatives towards Quayle, to a great extent because of positives of Gore being on the ticket. In an internal debate over what is the best way to ask the ballot, the final conclusion we came to was that while people may look at the whole ticket on the ballot, motivation to turnout on Election Day that comes from the top of the ticket, which would be Bush vs. Clinton. The second thing is we stay away from polling on Friday and Saturday night, in particular, and very often Sunday during the day, because polling numbers are unpredictable during that time. You get some very odd numbers from a trend-line standpoint over the weekends. We have noticed it -- and most political pollsters have too. We poll Sunday evenings through Thursday evenings."

HOTLINE: Why did your tracking close like it did last week?

GOEAS: This week, particularly Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday night, we saw a real tightening of the presidential race. It was more

Clinton dropping as opposed to Bush gaining. In fact, we saw what had been a gap in the low- to mid-teens drop to a 3-4 point race. My belief was what we were seeing in those numbers was not a reaction to the debate issue, but a reaction to the fact Clinton changed his schedule and went running out to Utah to respond to a perceived attack from Bush on the draft issue and it was it his actions more than the words going back and forth between the presidential race that lent credibility to the draft issue and gave some people pause in terms of their support of Clinton. In fact, the movement that we saw was with conservative Democrats and that's first time we've seen them move in this campaign. This week, however, we've seen the race pop back up. The average from the past couple of nights has been 12-14 points. It would appear that what gain or loss Clinton suffered last week is now back in place.

HOTLINE: Why didn't other polls catch the movement?

GOEAS: Tracking is a rather expensive process to stay in the field constantly, as opposed to going in every 7-10 days and taking a picture of where things are. A lot of the polls have shown things fairly constant over time. But in fact we continue to see a fairly volatile electorate that has been going up and down. The [Bush campaign] -- which I have often characterized as taking 3 steps forward and then 3 steps back -- appears to have done that once again last week. If you noticed last week, most of the polls that were out mid-week last week were reflecting a time period right before where we showed the decline for Clinton. Now you see some polls coming out that reflect the tail end and the widening. Taking that picture every so often may show that. What we've seen again, is a tightening of the race and a widening of the race this week.

===== POLL UPDATE =====

*27 ABC/WASH. POST: 21 POINTS

637 likely voters surveyed 9/16-20; margin of error +/- 4.5%
(ABC release, 9/21).

		9/16-20					
2-WAY	NOW	9/13	9/6	DEM	GOP	IND	
Clinton-Gore	58%	54%	53%	89%	24%	55%	
Bush-Quayle	37	39	41	7	73	38	
Perot/other	2	2	2	--	--	--	
Don't know	3	5	4	--	--	--	

3-WAY	NOW	9/13
Clinton	50%	45%
Bush	31	33
Perot	12	16
Don't know	5	7

IMPORTANCE TO YOUR VOTE	MOST	VERY	SOMWHAT	NOT VERY
	IMP.	IMP.	IMP.	IMP.
Bush handling of Gulf War	3%	28%	38%	29%
Clinton explanation of draft record	2	14	22	60
Candidates' performance in presidential debates	3	28	43	25

*28 BATTLEGROUND '92 TRACKING POLL: PREPARING TO OPEN UP AGAIN

1,000 registered voters, surveyed 9/15,16,17,20 by The
Tarrance Group, with analysis by Ed Goeas (R) and Celinda Lake
(D); margin of error +/- 3%. Battleground surveys 250 RVs
nightly to provide a rolling 4-day sample of 1,000 for uniform
tracking purposes; date shown is final of 4 survey dates (9/20).

W/LNRS	9/20	9/17	9/16	9/15	9/14	9/13	9/10	9/9	9/8	9/7
Clinton	47%	48%	49%	49%	51%	51%	50%	52%	50%	48%
Bush	41	41	40	40	39	39	39	38	40	42
Perot (vol.)	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2

*29 MTV/ROCK THE VOTE: YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

1,006 citizens aged 18-29 surveyed 9/20-24 by Peter Hart
Research; margin of error +/- 3% (MTV release, 9/22).

2-WAY		THOSE OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE IN 1988
Clinton-Gore	54%	Bush
Bush-Quayle	30	37%
Undecided	9	Dukakis
		17
		Did not vote
		41

	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE		POSITIVE	NEGATIVE
Bush	37%	38%	B. Bush	51%	15%
Clinton	48	24	H. Clinton	32	15
Quayle	18	53	M. Quayle	18	19
Gore	31	12	T. Gore	19	15

DOES FACT THAT CLINTON AGREED TO
MTV APPEARANCE AFFECT YOUR VOTE?
More likely to vote for him 44%
No more likely to vote for 45
No difference either way 8

DOES ELECTING A YOUNGER PERSON
LIKE CLINTON APPEAL TO YOU?
Great deal/Quite a bit 42%
A fair amount 19
Just some/not that much 36

DIFFERENCE WHO GETS ELECTED
PRES. MAKES IN YOUR LIFE

Great deal	39%
Quite a bit	27
Just some	19
Very little	12

DIFFERENCE WHO GETS ELECTED
MAKES TO THE COUNTRY

Great deal	60%
Quite a bit	23
Just some	11
Very little	5

YOUNG PEOPLE MORE/LESS LIKELY TO
VOTE THAN THEY DID 10-20 YRS AGO?

More likely	40%
Less likely	55

PROBABILITY YOU WILL VOTE
IN PRES. ELECTION

Certain to vote	61%
Might vote	15
Will not vote	24

HOW ARE THINGS GOING IN U.S.?

Excellent/good	6%
Fair	30
Not so good/bad	63

MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES

Economy	27%
Jobs, unemployment	26
Poor, homeless	15
Affordable educ.	15
Environment	14
Drugs	14

NEED FOR CHANGE IN COUNTRY

A lot/some major changes	87%
Minor/no real changes	12

	VERY OFTEN	FAIRLY OFTEN	ONCE IN A WHILE	HARDLY EVER	NEVER (VOL)
Read a daily newspaper	47%	20%	21%	10%	2%
Vol. time to help community	9	13	27	38	13
Vote in elections	38	14	9	17	21
Watch the news on TV	56	23	12	7	2
Get involved in campaigns	3	6	8	41	42
" involv. in causes/issues	7	16	28	34	15
Talk about politics with family or friends	27	28	23	15	6

FAVORITE TV NETWORK

Fox	28%
NBC	25
ABC	21
CBS	14

FAVORITE NEWS PERSONALITY

Jennings	20%	Gumbel	5
Rather	17	Couric	4
Brokaw	13	Zahn	4
Koppel	7	Bern. Shaw	3
Lunden	6	Others	8

*30 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted Media Research Center's Brent Bozell on "Murphy Brown," "Murphy Brown" executive producers Steven Peterman and Gary Dontzig, and George Will on his new book "Restoration." NBC's "Today" hosted Al Gore and a panel of undecided voters, GOP strategist Roger Ailes and Clinton consultant Bob Squier on campaign '92. "CBS This Morning" hosted Ross Perot and DNC chair Ron Brown (9/22).

THE LAST WORD: Ailes on "Murphy Brown": "It's a boring show. It's badly written, it's badly acted, I was flipping back to the ball game" ("Today," NBC, 9/22).

LAST NIGHT: NBC, CBS and PBS' "MacNeil/Lehrer" led with POW/MIA's. ABC led with Bush's attack on Clinton. CNN led with Bush's U.N. speech. "M/L" focused on the EC with Ex-British Foreign Secretary Lord Howe, and on women's health issues with NIH Dir. Dr. Bernadine Healy. CNN's "Crossfire" hosted Quayle press. sec. David Beckwith and Clinton advisor Paul Begala on Clinton's draft record. "Larry King Live" hosted Yugoslavian PM Milan Panic, Miss America Leanza Cornett and MPAA pres. Jack Valenti. ABC's "Nightline" examined for-profit, experimental cancer treatment (9/21).

LATE LAUGHS: Jay Leno on Miss America: "She says she's a Republican. She smiles a lot and has no economic plan so it could be true." Leno on Quayle sending a gift and note to Murphy Brown's baby: "See, he wants to practice on single, fictional moms before he starts helping any real ones." Leno on Clinton receiving an endorsement from "the father of Reaganomics": "The father of Reaganomics? I didn't know Dr. Frankenstein was still alive." On the French economy "collapsing": "God, I hope it doesn't make the French people rude and irritable." On the new upscale version of Burger King that would include waiters, table cloths, and music: "Waiters from Burger King, that's got to be a job from heaven --what is 15% of a \$1.89 anyway?" ("Tonight," NBC, 9/22).

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

"I could drink some Slimfast, lose a few pounds, but when they lower his scrawny little rear-end into the ground, he's still going to be nuts. ... He's a control freak who's now walking saying [imitating Perot]: 'It's up to the volunteers, they're going to tell me what to do.' They ain't telling him what to do. He's a billionaire, he's doing whatever he wants to do. He hates George Bush's guts, he wants to get him"

-- Roger Ailes, "Today," NBC, 9/22

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO SPRINGFIELD SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

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8:53 A.M. CDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very, very much. Thank you very much. And let me just say to Governor Ashcroft how appreciative I am for that rousing introduction. And let me tell you, it's a joy to be back. I keep showing up in this marvelous part of the country. (Applause.)

And I understand that I owe a vote of gratitude to Ben Parnell, a leading, most respected Democrat who gave an outstanding talk here; to Hal Gibbs, a former leader in the Perot organization who is now suited up and working hard for us. And I'm grateful to him -- grateful to both of them. To an old friend, Johnny Morris. The only thing I feel deprived of is I can't go by that marvelous outlet here and enhance your economy. (Laughter.) Because I love fishing and I love the outdoors. (Applause.) And I respect Johnny Morris as one of our leading environmentalists in the entire United States. He's sensible and he speaks for the sportsmen all across this country.

And, of course, seeing -- modestly sitting in the front row over here, my old, dear friend whom Barbara and I respect and love, who's been with us at Camp David, with whom I campaigned four years ago -- Mo Bandy. I'll tell you, it's a joy to have him here. (Applause.)

And I also want to pay my respects to the Congressman -- I haven't seen Mel Hancock. Maybe he's not with us, but he's a great representative for this area. And, of course, I was privileged to -- (applause) -- privileged to ride in with Don Gunn, who is the neighboring state rep, a man that serves with John Ashcroft with such distinction in the Capitol.

So let me on with the business at hand. And John has set the course and set the agenda for today's comments. These trips today will take me to six different states. And two weeks ago in Detroit, I presented to the American people my Agenda for American Renewal. It is a clear-eyed look at what's wrong with our country, and also what's right about our country. I offered a comprehensive, integrated approach to win the new global economic competition. So that by early in the next century, the world's first \$10-trillion economy will be found right here in the United States of America. (Applause.)

Last week, I discussed in detail how my vision of our future differs from that of my opponent. The differences simply could not be deeper -- the stakes, as John points out -- the Governor points out -- could not be higher.

Basically, it comes down to this: My opponent believes that government planners can manage the economy better than the workers and small businessmen and women who actually make it grow. I respect government, but I don't put my faith in it. I put my faith in the tax-paying, hard-working men and women of America. (Applause.)

The first shot out of the box Governor Clinton says that he wants to raise taxes that will kill jobs. I want to see them cut to help Americans create jobs. (Applause.) Governor Clinton wants to increase -- he's already said this -- increase federal spending by at least \$220 billion. And I want to cut it by that and more. I want the differences to be clear and sharp. And then the American people, then you will make a choice.

You know, the American people are interviewing two men for the same job. Now, you know me. My record is on the table, over the years. You know its shortcomings. I admit I've made mistakes and I hope you know my record's strengths. And in my agenda I've told you what I intend to do to build on that record. I have spoken from my heart about the great optimism that I feel for this nation -- how I know we can rise above our challenges today and achieve an even better tomorrow.

My opponent has taken a very different path. He hasn't hesitated a minute to try to tear down everything we've accomplished for 12 years -- to find everything he can about what's wrong with America. While I've been talking about ideas he and his people have admitted publicly that their focus is on the negative -- on what's wrong.

For month after month, Governor Clinton has persisted in attacks on me -- persistent, unrelenting and many very personal in nature. Frankly, he has distorted my record, and his campaign chairman even called me a racist. And this week, the Governor unveiled for the first time in this presidential race negative campaigning, negative television advertising -- first one of this campaign.

So far, right up to today in Springfield, I have resisted the urge to focus on Governor Clinton's record. Frankly, I have felt that Americans want a positive debate. But I must tell you, I am very tired of the distortions, tired of the half-truths. And the stakes are too high to let America be deceived by a negative campaign. So today, for really the first time, I have chosen to lay it on the line -- (applause) -- talk about my opponent's record -- talk facts. Talk about the record in Arkansas, the Governor's record. And that means explaining the Grand Canyon that separates his rhetoric from the reality of his record.

You need to know this, because our country's future is literally on the line. You need to know whether you can trust Bill Clinton to take America where it needs to go in the next four years. Because once you buy what he's selling, there's no refund.

I hear candidate Clinton is up in Michigan today talking about debates. Well, I propose a debate for him today -- candidate Clinton versus Governor Clinton. You see, we've all heard -- (applause) -- we've all heard what candidate Clinton says he can do for America. But that's very different from what Governor Clinton has done to Arkansas, to the good people of Arkansas. (Applause.)

And I want to stress this: My argument is not with the people of Arkansas. It is not. They are good, decent, hard-working people. Frankly, they deserve treatment better than they've received from Governor Clinton. So here we go. Let me begin with an issue of concern to every American, every fair-minded American: civil rights.

Governor Clinton says -- and I quote -- "Everybody knows I have the best civil rights record." His words. His modesty overwhelms me. (Laughter.) But how does his record stand? Some of you may know that in 1968 -- when I was a Congressman from Texas -- I supported the Fair Housing Act. It wasn't popular with some of my constituents. Times have changed,

of course, and nowadays 41 states have laws banning housing discrimination -- 41. But Arkansas is not one of them -- even though my opponent has been Governor for 12 years.

Forty-six states have human relations agencies that safeguard their citizens against discrimination. But not Arkansas under his leadership. Forty-eight states have basic civil rights laws that ban discrimination and guarantee equal opportunity. But not Arkansas. That's right: Arkansas is one of only two states in America without a civil rights statute.

Candidate Clinton likes to talk about my 1990 veto of the Democratic Congress's quota bill. I did veto that bill -- and I'll veto any other quota bill that the liberals cook up. (Applause.) I am for civil rights. And I am against quotas. That is not a contradiction.

So last year, after tough negotiations with Congress and beating back two attempts to ram down my throat and the people's throat a quota bill, I did sign -- proudly sign a major civil rights bill without resorting to quotas. In addition, I fought for the Americans With Disabilities Act, the most sweeping civil rights legislation in 30 years that brings those with disabilities into the mainstream and gives them a shot at the American Dream. (Applause.) And I'm proud of it. (Applause.)

What about Governor Clinton? Even though his party enjoys overwhelming control of the Arkansas legislature, Governor Clinton has still not brought a civil rights bill to the people of Arkansas.

So when you hear the candidate Clinton's rhetoric all across this country about civil rights, Governor Clinton's record just does not stand up.

Now, consider another issue: economic fairness. You know, candidate Clinton is playing the old game that liberals love to play -- class warfare. Divide Americans rich from poor, one group from another. And he's good at it, candidate Clinton is very good at that: using the same tired, twisted, partisan statistics to explain how the poor can only get richer if the rich get poorer.

According to candidate Clinton, the last 10 years have been a nightmare. Well, I've got news for him. It is not true. The Urban Institute back in Washington is not usually sympathetic to me, but listen to what they had to say about the 1980s. "When one follows individuals rather than statistical groups defined by income, one finds that, on average, the rich got a little richer and the poor got much richer." Now, that's the truth. Our policies of cutting taxes have spurred growth for all Americans.

Yes, we've got tough times now. But it's fair to look at the whole record. And candidate Clinton doesn't think this is a "fair" result. He doesn't think it's fair. Maybe because he -- it's maybe because Governor Clinton doesn't have much experience with tax fairness in his own state. Governor Clinton has more than doubled -- if you want a horror story, listen to this -- he has more than doubled Arkansas state spending since 1983. And he has paid for it by raising the taxes that hurt poor and working families the most.

My opponent has raised and extended his sales tax repeatedly -- and he has opposed removing that tax from groceries. Governor taxes -- Governor Taxes -- sorry. (Laughter.) Freudian slip. (Applause.) Freudian slip. Governor Clinton raised taxes on beer and started taxing mobile homes, too. And he more than doubled Arkansas's gas tax -- to 18-and-a-half cents per gallon. Governor Clinton even taxed food stamps until the federal government forced him to stop. And as

if working families in Arkansas did not have enough problems, he's even tried to tax child care.

When it comes to taxes, Governor Clinton can't seem to get enough. Last year, he signed the largest tax increase in Arkansas history. I signed a tax increase once, and I've regretted it ever since. I admit it when I make a mistake. And therein lies the difference. (Applause.)

Let me quote from an article in the Arkansas Gazette on all of this. "In the Clinton era," it says, "the state tax system has become more and more regressive. It has become, step by step, a pretty bad system, stacked against the ordinary taxpayer and consumer, stacked for the rich and special interest." End of quotation. Now, that's been his tax policy in Arkansas. Look at what it did to that state's economy -- a wonderful state, but look what it did to the economy.

The per-capita income, for example -- that's the bottom line for working men and women, how much income on average each of them have. Well, at the end of the 1980s, Arkansas ranked 48th in the nation per-capita income -- only about 73 percent of the national average, and that was even lower than the 75 percent in 1980. The poor people have been going backwards under this man. And what about all those good manufacturing jobs that candidate Clinton talks about? Well, average hourly earnings for Arkansas manufacturing workers ranked 47th in 1980. By 1989, they had dropped to 50th.

Now candidate Clinton says he wants to do to the American economy what Governor Clinton's done to Arkansas -- Arkansas taxes, Arkansas income, Arkansas jobs. And I don't think he's kidding. I wish he were. Candidate Clinton wants the biggest tax increase in history. He hasn't even got there yet and he's proposing the largest tax increase in history. And that's not even counting his payroll taxes for training and also those that would be required under his health care plan. And that's not fair. That simply is not fair for every working man and woman in America.

Another issue, one near and dear to the hearts of every American, rural or urban, and that's crime. Candidate Clinton likes to talk tough. You'll hear him criticize me about federal aid to state and local law enforcement. But, in fact, since 1989, we've proposed a 59-percent increase in federal spending to fight crime. You'll also hear candidate Clinton make some pretty impressive claims about crime control in Arkansas. Wrong. Wrong again. Not. (Laughter.)

Candidate Clinton -- meet Governor Clinton. During the 1980s, the nation's overall crime rate during the '80s actually declined. But not in Arkansas! In fact, Governor Clinton's state had the biggest increase in the overall crime rate in the entire nation -- nearly 28 percent. Again, this is not fair to the good people of Arkansas.

What about violent crimes? Arkansas's violent crime rate went up more than 58 percent -- one of the worst records in the entire nation. Why? Well, I've got a few hunches. Arkansas ranks near rock bottom in every important per-capita law enforcement expenditure. For prisons: 46th. For judicial and legal systems: 50th. And when it comes to spending for police officers, Arkansas ranks 49th.

And in Arkansas, when the prison door slams shut on a convicted criminal, he knows it won't be long before it opens up again. As incredible as it sounds -- as incredible as it sounds, most inmates in Arkansas serve less than one-fifth -- one-fifth -- of their sentence behind bars. That's the worst record in the entire nation. The people of Arkansas deserve to walk their streets without fearing that some crazy convict is

going to ruin their lives -- some guy let out of jail far too early.

Now, contrast the situation in Arkansas with what we've been doing on the federal level. Most federal inmates serve at least 85 percent of their full sentence. And I think it's pretty simple: if you take liberties with the law, you're going to lose your own liberties -- for a long, long time. (Applause.)

When you look at Governor Clinton's record on law enforcement, it's not surprising that last week, the fraternal order of police in Little Rock gave me their endorsement for President of the United States of America. (Applause.) And that is the verdict of the police officers in Governor Clinton's own backyard. They agree with me. You do not coddle criminals -- you stand up for the law-abiding citizens in this country. (Applause.)

I'm really enjoying getting this record out here. (Laughter.)

Let's look at another contrast. It's been 11 long months of his hammering me. And we're just starting today right here Springfield -- (applause) -- because I want the American people to know the truth. (Applause.) I want them to know the facts. (Applause.) I want them to know the truth. (Applause.)

Let's look at another contrast between candidate Clinton's rhetoric and Governor Clinton's record with children. In his new book, candidate Clinton says that America has failed to provide its children with either the best education or adequate protection from violence. That's what the candidate says. Now how about the Governor?

Look at the facts. During the 1980s, Arkansas fell from 47th to 48th place in the percentage of adults with a high school diploma. Arkansas's rankings on its primary college entrance examination -- known as A.C.T -- have declined overall. Twenty-eight states use the A.C.T as their primary college entrance test. The New York Times recently reported that in 1979 Arkansas ranked 20 out of those 28. The state's latest available ranking is down to 25th out of the 28.

And we know that more than three-quarters of Arkansas high school graduates require remedial instruction when they get to college. It's not fair to the. Think about it -- 75 Percent of Arkansas college students spend their first year of college relearning what they missed out on in high school. Now these are bright, dynamic young people. And they deserve better than a failed education system. And when it comes to the percentage of adults with a college degree, Governor Clinton's Arkansas still ranks 50th.

Now, when it comes to protecting children from violence, you should know this: My opponent's record is, in one word, appalling. The facts are not pretty. But America should listen to the facts.

During the 1980s, the death rate for American children 14-and-under improved dramatically across the country. But in Arkansas, it got worse. The state ranked 49th in 1989. In the late 1980s, Arkansas's rate of violent deaths for teenagers soared at three times the national average. And over the decade, child abuse reports shot up 130 percent. Now, behind that statistic are tales of heartbreaking tragedy. The young people over in Arkansas deserve to have their hearts healed.

And now, it's hard to believe that Governor Clinton was unaware of what was going on. Throughout the 1980s, study after study contained detailed findings and recommendations -- a cry for help, if you will. And he even commissioned some of

these studies himself. In 1990, his own Department of Human Services reported that "frequent and widespread" official failures had placed the children of Arkansas in, again a quote, "imminent peril." Still Governor Clinton did nothing.

And finally a group of child welfare advocates took the Governor to court. And they filed a federal class action naming him as lead defendant. And on June 8th, less than four months ago, my opponent finally settled. And now candidate Clinton promises to crack down on violence against children.

Now to the environment to what Johnny Morris is famous for and that Governor Ashcroft can take great pride in -- the environment. I love to hike. I love to camp out. I love to go fishing. I like to go hunting. And you've heard me talk about the importance of protecting the environment many times. But to me real eloquence is action -- and I have acted. And there's our historic Clean Air Act, cutting acid rain in half -- we did that. We banished offshore oil rigs from sensitive beaches on both coasts and added a billion dollars worth of new forests and parks for our children to enjoy.

And in the past three years, our Environmental Protection Agency has assessed more than half of all the civil penalties and criminal fines in the history of EPA -- more than \$200 million. To those who spoil our lakes and air we are saying, mess with our children's health and you will pay.

And those are facts. And that is the record -- a record I am very proud of on the environment; a sound, progressive record. But candidate Clinton calls America's environmental record since 1989 a "disaster." And he promises, quote, "real environmental policy" that will, again quote, "challenge Americans and demand responsibility at every level."

My advice: Let's take candidate Clinton at his word. Demand that candidates run on their records. I'm prepared to do that. We've got a good record to take to the American people, the people of Missouri. I'll stand by my record. Now, let's see if he can stand on his. And, again, I'm going to be very, very factual.

Earlier this year, my opponent was asked to name a single Arkansas law that exceeds federal environmental standards. He couldn't do that -- not one. The Governor has accepted generous campaign contributions, free plane rides from Arkansas's powerful chicken industry. And the industry is the ultimate source of -- and I'll put this as delicately as I possibly can -- fecal coliform bacteria, which pollutes hundreds of miles of Arkansas rivers. Governor Clinton did create an animal waste task force to deal with the issue. But the task force subcommittee was headed by a chicken executive. And they decided that controls on what they call "chicken litter", unquote -- (laughter) -- should be purely voluntary. It's hard to keep this clean, but I'm telling you the record is bad over there. (Applause.)

But I guess with Governor Clinton, some things do run thicker than water. (Laughter and applause.) Last year, the Institute for Southern Studies released an extraordinarily detailed, state-by-state study of environmental quality and progress. And let me quote the Institute's research director: "in the areas of policy -- laws passed, not task forces or commissions set up to study a problem -- Arkansas was 50th, the worst in the nation."

Arkansas residents want clean air and clean water. They're sportsmen just like you all are -- just like I am. They love the outdoors just like you do and just like I do. And they should not be last in the entire nation.

And finally, let's talk about health care. As you might expect, my opponent and I have two vastly different approaches to the problem. I want to use competition to expand coverage, preserve quality, drive down the costs. And candidate Clinton's plan could eventually bring our health care system under the control of the federal government.

And until last month, candidate Clinton pretended that his plan wouldn't cost a dime. But then someone at USA Today got him to admit what I've been saying all along: his plan would require a new payroll tax. And I say small business does not need any more taxes. Let's do it my way. (Applause.) A new payroll tax will kill jobs, especially in the small businesses that we're looking to create the new jobs we need in this country. It'll cut wages.

But since we're talking about our records today, consider this, too. Candidate Clinton says "health care should be a right, not a privilege." And yet, under Governor Clinton, Arkansas has one of the nation's worst health insurance crises. More than 42 percent of Arkansas workers, the second highest percentage in the nation, don't even have employer-paid health insurance. And the New York Times says a full 25 percent of all state residents have no health insurance at all.

Candidate Clinton now says America -- quote -- "can't afford four more years" without a solution to our health care problem. And I totally agree with that. But Governor Clinton took a long time to come around. Early last year, in his fifth term as Governor, he finally signed a bill to provide bare bones coverage to people who have gone uninsured for more than a year.

And so there you have it. Nothing personal, just the facts. And next time you hear candidate Clinton promise to be a progressive change agent for the entire United States, think of civil rights and taxes in the state he's left behind. Think of crime and child abuse and education in that great state of Arkansas. Think of the environment that he's neglected, the health care problems he's ignored. Think about all this the next time candidate Clinton says he will do for America what he's done for Arkansas.

It is true we're having a big debate about America's future. But first you have to learn who's really on the other side. And you have to know, is it the words of candidate Clinton or the actions of Governor Clinton.

We've seen over the last nine months that candidate Clinton appears willing to say anything to anyone. But the record of Governor Clinton proves that it doesn't matter what the candidate will say to anyone, because he won't deliver.

So either way -- whether it's candidate Clinton or Governor Clinton -- I believe that Bill Clinton is wrong to be President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

You know, I feel better now -- (laughter) -- because when I started this morning, I explained how for months Governor Clinton has distorted my record. And I sat there through primary after primary, one assault by another -- not all by Governor Clinton, I might add; joined by a handful of other guys that have fallen by the wayside.

And I've made a decision -- I was President; I was trying to do something to help this country. And I chose not to fight back until now, because I believe Americans want action from their President. And I believe they want positive ideas -- want real solutions to our challenges.

But I simply cannot let Governor Clinton's distortions go unanswered. His own record must be exposed --

because look at what is at stake. (Applause.) This man has the gall to go around America and promise the moon, when on issue after issue, the sky has fallen in his own backyard.

And I say Arkansas deserves better. And I mean that. And I say America deserves better. And I say America deserves more than learning what's wrong, we need to know what works to build a safer and more secure future for these kids over here. And this is what I offer in this campaign -- experience, character and ideas that are right for America.

And my agenda contains 13 specific actions that I'm going to fight to accomplish in the first year of my second term with all those new congressmen that are coming in as a result of the confusion and disarray in the House. (Applause.) And I'm going to get them done. I'm going to get these things done with your help, because America has what it takes to win the economic competition, to win the peace. So let's get on with the job.

And thank you for this exceptionally warm welcome -- this Missouri welcome. And may God bless the greatest country on the face of the Earth, the United States of America. Thank you all.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Tulsa, Oklahoma)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT TULSA AIRPORT WELCOME

Tulsa Airport
Tulsa, Oklahoma

11:12 A.M. CDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very much. What a fantastic rally. Thank you. (Applause.) Thank you so very much, and good morning, Oklahoma. I'm delighted to be back. (Applause.) May I first salute J.C., the man that introduced me, my friend. You should be very proud to have a man of his character and experience in office here in the great state of Oklahoma. J.C., thank you very, very much. (Applause.)

Before I share just a few remarks with you on our campaign, as I look at national priorities, one of them simply must be the reelection of your great Senator, Don Nickles. We need him in Washington. (Applause.) And, you know, everywhere I go you hear people saying, "Clean House. Clean House." We've got a good man in Jim Inhofe. Reelect him, and then send Jerry Hill to the United States Congress. (Applause.) We've got to change it.

And I am just delighted to be here. And may I pay a special tribute to these great bands -- the Hornets, the Warriors, the Indians and the Eagles. (Applause.) And it's great to be back in one of the great states for high school football. All four of these schools won their football games last weekend. Good news. (Applause.)

And may I also just say a word to those who work for the great company that puts together that fabulous fighting machine, the F-15, the people at McDonnell Douglas. And thanks for hosting us here, and good luck with the new sale abroad. And I want to say hello, also, to those who work for the great Rockwell Industries -- two giants of American industry, employing men and women who are the best workers in the entire world. (Applause.)

You know, for the past few weeks I've been traveling the length and the breadth of this fantastic country of ours, stumping for the economic ideas that I believe in: An agenda for American renewal. And I want to create new markets for American products and new jobs for American workers. You see, we never retreat, we always compete, and we will always win. We are the United States of America. (Applause.)

And, yes, we've had some tough times in this country. But don't believe the pessimists on the other side who can only win by tearing down America. We're coming out of our difficulties and we are leading the world, and we'll continue to do so as long as I'm you're President. (Applause.)

Big difference in this election. He wants to spend more and tax more; I want to see the federal government spend less and I want to see us taxed less, so private sector can get the job done. (Applause.) And I'm standing in Tulsa, Oklahoma, one of the great oil capitals of the world. And I want to see a change in our tax system that benefits the independent oil people so we can get those

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rigs running again. Change the alternative minimum tax, and watch what Tulsa and the rest of Oklahoma can do. (Applause.)

And, frankly, we are trying hard to give small business relief from taxation, from regulation and, yes -- yes, from litigation. We are suing each other too much, and we should care for each other more. And I want to change all the lawsuits up there. (Applause.) And another big objective -- and we're on the right track -- is, we want to change the American schools. I want to give these young people the finest education in the entire world. (Applause.) And I want to give the parents the right to choose the schools, whether it's public, private or religious. (Applause.)

And we've got a good health care program for America, and I want to use competition to cut the cost of health care, make it available to you and your neighbors. And the way I see it -- you should only feel the pain when you're in the doctor's office, not a month later when you get the bill in the mail. And, so, do not go for the Clinton plan that says get the government further involved; go for our plan that says provide insurance to all, and keep the quality of health care we now have. (Applause.)

You know, for about 11 months, Governor Clinton has been attacking me and my record. And I've sat back trying to get things done for this country. Month after month, he's persisted in these unrelenting attacks, many of them quite personal in nature, distorting my record; and his campaign cochairman even called me a racist. And this week, Governor Clinton unveiled the first negative television advertising of the campaign. He fired the first negative campaign shot, and I am not going to take it anymore. I'm going to take his record to the American people as well as my own. (Applause.)

And so let's see how the American people -- how they feel after they understand the facts about his record. In Springfield, Missouri a few minutes ago I talked about the overall record. And today I'm coming by some of the other states that are near Arkansas to move beyond the record and find out what he has actually done in Arkansas -- or, put it this way -- done to the good people of the state of Arkansas. (Applause.)

First, my argument is not with the people of that great state; they are good, they are decent, they are hard-working and they deserve better treatment than they've received from their Governor. (Applause.) And the other side is eager to debate. We'll probably have a debate. But for openers, let them debate each other. Let one side, as candidate Clinton, a promising young man who seems to be willing to promise anything to get elected; and on the other as Governor Clinton, whose record in Arkansas is a series of broken promises.

Now, let me look at just one issue today, because I think of the people of Oklahoma as fair. Let's take a look at the civil rights record. Candidate Clinton says -- and I quote -- "Everybody knows that I have the best civil rights record." Well, that is a very modest statement by the Governor, saying he has the best civil rights record. But let's see if his rhetoric is matched by his record.

Some of you may know in 1968 when I was a member of Congress from Texas that I voted for a fair housing act. And it was not a popular vote with my constituents. But times have changed now, and nowadays 41 states have laws banning housing discrimination -- 41 states, including the great state of Oklahoma. Arkansas is not one of them, and that man's been Governor for 10 or 12 years. He's talked a lot and done nothing. (Applause.)

Forty-eight states, the young people here might be interested, have basic civil rights law -- 48 that ban discrimination and guarantee equal opportunity, and Oklahoma is proud to be one of them. But not Arkansas. Arkansas is one of only two states without a civil rights statute. What has the Governor been doing, other than talking about fair play? (Applause.)

And Governor Clinton goes around criticizing my 1990 veto of the Democrat Congress' quota bill. Well, yes, I did veto that bill. And I'll veto any other quota bill that the liberals cook up in Washington, D.C. (Applause.) I am for civil rights, and we've got a good record on that. And I am against quotas, and that is not a contradiction. (Applause.) And I'm proud last year to have signed a very good equal opportunity bill, and it had no quotas in it.

Now, even though his party enjoys overwhelming control of the Arkansas Legislature, he still hasn't brought a civil rights bill to the people of Arkansas. So when you hear Candidate Clinton, his rhetoric about civil rights, remember Governor Clinton's record in Arkansas.

You know, Bill Clinton, talks a very good game. He's got more statistics than there are problems out there. But his actions betray his words. In Arkansas, individual income has slipped; crime is up relative to the nation; children's test scores get weaker; while streams of air get more polluted. If you go swimming in that Arkansas River, keep your mouth closed and hold your nose. They are doing a terrible job on pollution. (Applause.)

And so again, Candidate Clinton talks one way and Governor Clinton has a very, very different record. Governor Clinton proves that it doesn't matter what the candidate says. He simply will not deliver. So whether it's Candidate Clinton or Governor Clinton the message is the same: Bill Clinton is the wrong man to accept your trust to be President of the United States of America. (Applause.) I will let you all make up your mind about service to country when it comes to war and peace. I will take my record with pride to the American people. We have stood tall and freedom has prevailed. (Applause.)

Not far from here, you know, is the birthplace of Will Rogers, the man who said he wasn't a humorist, he just watched the government and reported what happened. Well, I don't know what he'd say about Governor Clinton. Maybe he would say that here's a guy with the gall to promise the moon to America while the sky is falling down in his own backyard. But I really believe we can do better. And I say America deserves better.

And, yes, we have challenges; and, yes, we have problems. But this agenda of mine will confront our challenges. There's going to be over 100 new members of Congress, maybe 150. And the day I am reelected and they are elected, I'll sit down with them and say, now let's improve our schools, let's fight for America's security, let's do something about these lawsuits that are plaguing America, let's do something about health care, let's get on with the business of governing this nation and solving our problems. (Applause.)

And so what I will be offering the voters -- and I ask for your support -- is: experience, ideas that are right for America, and I hope that my character will pass muster with you, the American people.

Thank you very much and may God bless this great state. And thank you for this fantastic welcome to Oklahoma. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: We want Bush! We want Bush!

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO CITIZENS LONGVIEW, TEXAS

Longview County Airport
Longview, Texas

2:17 P.M. CDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very, very much. Thank you so much. And it's an honor and privilege to be introduced by Florence Shapiro -- not only the Mayor of Plano, but going to be a member of the Texas Senate. We need her; she's typical of our great women leaders in our state of Texas. Thank you, Florence. (Applause.) And I want to thank our State Chairman, Jim Oberwetter, who is here somewhere; Rob Mosbacher, the Texas Victory '92 Chairman; Barbara Patton, the Bush-Quayle cochairman; and our Master of Ceremonies, Jim Offutt. And let me say it's great to be back in East Texas -- great, where the people understand the values that make this country strong. (Applause.)

You know, Longview brings back many memories. Back when I started a business out in West Texas and then down on the Gulf Coast, where I met a payroll, learned the basic truth about things like the role of government and the power of the individual, I stood here at this very airport I believe it was 22 years ago and saw a former president come into this airport, and I am proud to be back here as President of the United States, asking for your support for four more years. (Applause.)

Here in Texas, I learned something, and I learned that prosperity doesn't come just from the hallowed halls of government. It comes from the hard work, the imagination and the industry of men and women like you here today. And I'm grateful to you for coming out to this rally. (Applause.) I'm glad to see all the bands and participants here. Glad to see the Kilgore Rangerettes. (Applause.) I wish they'd go up to Washington for a few days. They could go over and take a look at the Congress and put those high-kicking boots to good use -- help us to clean house. (Applause.) You talk about kicking it -- they're the ones to do it.

Now, you know, for the past few weeks I've been traveling the length and breadth of our country -- and what a great country it is -- stumping for the ideas that I believe in, the agenda for American renewal. And I want to open new markets for our American products and new jobs for American workers. Americans never retreat. We always compete. And we always win. Let's open these foreign markets. (Applause.)

I have a fundamental difference with the Governor next door. I believe government is too big and spends too much of your taxpayers' money. And I want to do something about it. He wants to raise taxes and increase spending; I want to cut taxes and cut spending. (Applause.)

Good news today for the nation -- good news today on housing starts. They are up -- the largest increase in 18 months. Inflation is down, interest rates are down, productivity is up, and the economy is poised for a recovery. We must not let Governor

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Clinton get in and tax it back into oblivion. (Applause.) I want to see incentives. I want to see incentives. And one of them ought to apply to the domestic oil business. We want to change the alternative minimum tax so we can get on with the business of developing more domestic resources and less dependency on foreign oil. (Applause.)

You know, it's small businesspeople, small businesswomen, small businessmen that saved this economy when the going has been tough. And they need relief from taxation, regulation and, yes, from litigation. As a nation, we spend up to \$200 billion a year on lawsuits. And as a nation, we ought to sue each other less and care for each other more. (Applause.)

I see a lot of young people here today, and welcome. (Applause.) And let me say this about education. I want to give the young what they truly deserve -- the finest schools in the entire world. And I want to give every parent and every family the right to choose their children's schools, whether they're public, private or religious. (Applause.)

You know, I believe the Governor next door, Governor Clinton, has made up his mind: The only way he can win is to tell everybody how horrible things are about this country. He has persisted on attacking me day-in and day-out, many of the attacks personal. He has distorted, and I would say told the untruths about my record. And this week, he unveiled -- started in, the first one to do it, the first negative campaign ad. He's the one that says, watch out for the Republicans, watch on the television the first negative campaign ads in the presidential race of 1992 belong to that sorry ticket of Clinton and Gore. It's a sad thing. (Applause.)

And I have taken it for 11 months, listening to these guys. And I'll tell you today: I'm starting to dish it out and tell the truth about his record. (Applause.) So, this morning for openers I went to the state of Missouri and I laid out the Clinton record -- just the facts, telling the truth. And I'm stopping by these states, our state and others that are neighbors to the state of Arkansas so that we can get past this campaign rhetoric of his and look at what he's done for the people of Arkansas -- or, should I say, done to the people of that great state. (Applause.)

Look, they are good, decent people next door. They are good, hardworking people and they deserve better treatment than they've received from their Governor.

You know, the other side keeps talking -- you hear him talking about debate -- they want to change the rules from the debate rules that have been in effect for the last four presidential campaigns. Now he wants to change them. But now they ought to have a debate. On the one hand, you ought to have candidate Clinton; he'd be over here. And on the other side, promising everything, Governor Clinton. They ought to debate each other on the issues. (Applause.)

Each stop here along the way in this six-state swing, I'm talking about various issues. And let me talk today just about affordable health care, something that I am desperately interested in providing to every man, woman and child in this country. As you might expect, my opponent and I have two vastly different ideas how to go about this. I want to use the competition to expand coverage, making insurance available to the poorest of the poor, to everybody else -- everybody -- preserve quality and allow you to spend less of your paycheck on health insurance.

And he has a different approach. He expresses so much enthusiasm for government, he would have government get involved in setting health care prices, and perhaps eventually get involved in running our health care system. We do not need the government to run

it. We need to protect quality and provide insurance to all. (Applause.) You'd think he'd learn from the way the Democrats ran the House Post Office. They can't run that; they can't run a bank. Why in heaven's name do you think they can run the health insurance programs? (Applause.)

You know, this guy -- he's too much. Up until a few weeks ago Governor Clinton pretended that his plan wouldn't cost a dime. But then someone at USA Today -- you know the paper that got him to admit what I've been saying all along -- his plan would require a new payroll tax on the back of, you've got it, small business. Now, I don't know about you, but I think small businessmen and women pay enough in taxes already. We cannot let him do this to the American economy. (Applause.)

You know, he says that health care should be a right, not a privilege. Yes, I think everybody should have health care. But look at his record as Governor -- not the candidate, but Governor Clinton. Arkansas has one of the nation's worst health insurance crises. More than 42 percent of Arkansas workers -- decent, hardworking people -- 42 percent, the second highest percentage in the entire nation don't have employer-paid health insurance at all, and a full 25 percent have no health insurance at all. He talks one way around the nation, he delivers misery at home. We do not need that for the nation. (Applause.)

You know, early last year in his fifth term as Governor, Clinton finally signed a bill to provide bare-bones coverage to people who have gone uninsured for more than a year. And last fall, even his minimal plan had still not been implemented. And even today, not a single insurance company has ever set up a single policy for anyone under Governor Clinton's model program.

So, on this issue, on health care -- and I could be talking about the environment -- whatever -- on this one, look at the grand canyon between the words of candidate Clinton, running around the country criticizing me, and the actions of Governor Clinton, which is a sorry record by any Texas standard. (Applause.)

I wish -- I thought about being -- I love fishing and hunting. I know everybody in East Texas does, too. (Applause.) I flew over some beautiful bass lakes, and I got thinking about Governor Clinton's record on the environment. Some of you may have tried to fish or swim in the Arkansas River. You may have heard that night fishing is catching on over there. The rivers are so polluted that the fish glow in the dark. He has a lousy record on the environment; and we across the line in Texas have a good record on the environment. (Applause.)

You know, on issue after issue he talks a great game but his actions betray his words. And while he makes promises, the workers, the decent, hardworking women and women of Arkansas, their standard of living weakens and their crime rate rises up faster than the rest of the nation. Their children's test scores slip, and Governor Clinton cannot muster the courage to even put in a basic civil rights law like we have right here in Texas. Forty-eight states have them, but not Arkansas. That is not fair, there's not fair play in Arkansas. (Applause.)

So in other words, what I'm asking the American people today on this six-state swing is to take a look at the record that he's laid down and then compare that against the rhetoric that he's trying to take all across the country. And be careful, because it's slippery when wet. (Applause.) You're right.

We've got a lot of challenges and we have a lot of problems, but we've got a great future.

I see that airplane sitting over there and I don't want to start telling you war stories, but that's the kind of torpedo

bomber I flew in World War II. I was shot down in that airplane in World War II and I am proud that I served my nation in combat. (Applause.) And I am proud that since I have been President we have reduced the threat of nuclear war so young men and women go to bed at night without that awesome fear of nuclear war. (Applause.)

We have changed the world; and now I'm asking for your help to bring honor and decency right back here at home and change things to make things better for the people of Texas and the other 49 states. We can do it. We've got a sound record. We are on the right track.

And now I need the help of the American people to guarantee four more years to finish the job. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: I am very proud to be back home. We are going to carry Texas and we are going to win this election because we are right on the issues and because I have been telling the truth all along. (Applause.) Thank you very, very much.

May God bless you all. Thank you so very, very much for this wonderful rally. What a fantastic turnout. And I love the signs, man. Thank you.

END

1:32 P.M. CDT

MORE

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Springfield, Missouri)

For Immediate Release

September 22, 1992

The President today recognized SuEllen Fried of Prairie Village, Kansas, as the 900th Daily Point of Light for the Nation. Mrs. Fried volunteers her time to increase public awareness of domestic violence and to rehabilitate prisoners.

Mrs. Fried has worked since 1976 to build public understanding of the problems of child abuse. Having begun her voluntary service as a dance therapist in 1961, she learned the value of redirecting anxiety, anger, and frustration into positive behavior. Over the years, she has helped found programs such as "Reaching Out From Within," which encourages prison inmates to help themselves, "Kindness Is Contagious...Catch It!", which fosters kindness among children, and "Cooperation Company," which teaches children positive conflict mediation skills.

Mrs. Fried currently focuses much of her time on meeting with prison inmates through "Reaching Out From Within," a ten year old curriculum of the STOP the Violence program which helps criminals incarcerated for violent crimes accept responsibility for their actions. A support group meets weekly to help inmates develop skills for controlling their anger and resolving conflicts. Many of the prisoners have developed lasting relationships with Mrs. Fried who attends the meetings to affirm and encourage their progress. Inmates in the group speak to groups of youth in the area about avoiding crime and violence.

A pioneer in building public awareness of child abuse, Mrs. Fried founded the Kansas Child Abuse Prevention Council in 1976 and the Metropolitan Kansas City STOP Violence Coalition in 1982. She also works with other child abuse prevention organizations, addressing statewide conventions on child abuse and neglect and teaching ways to combat violence.

The President salutes SuEllen Fried for exemplifying his belief that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Miah Homstad or Karen Barnes
(202)456-6266

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Shreveport, Louisiana)

For Immediate Release

September 22, 1992

The President has selected the following individual to head the United States Delegation to the International Telecommunications Union Conference December 7-22, 1992:

AMBASSADOR BRADLEY P. HOLMES, of Virginia. Since 1989, Ambassador Holmes has served as United States Coordinator and Director of the Bureau for International Communication and Information Policy at the State Department.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Springfield, Missouri)

For Immediate Release

September 22, 1992

The President has nominated the following individuals to be Members of the Peace Corps National Advisory Council:

FRANK B. HOWER, JR., of Kentucky, for a one year term expiring October 6, 1992 (new position) and for an additional term expiring October 6, 1994 (reappointment). Since 1980, Mr. Hower has served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Liberty National Bancorp.

CRAIG R. STAPLETON, of Connecticut, for a term expiring October 6, 1993. This is a reappointment. Since 1983, Mr. Stapleton has served as President of Marsh & McLennan Real Estate Advisors, Incorporated.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Shreveport, Louisiana)

For Immediate Release

September 22, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate the following individual as his special representative to the Congress of the American Woman in the Dominican Republic October 10-11, 1992:

AMBASSADOR HOLLY COORS, of Colorado. Ambassador Coors has been active in several positions, including: Vice Chairman and Board of Trustees of A Christian Ministry in the National Parks; Ambassador to the National Year of the Americas; Board of Trustees of the Caribbean Central American Action; Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Council on National Policy.

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POOL REPORT #2
GREENVILLE TO MEMPHIS
9/22/92

Adding to an already spectacular and stupendous day on the campaign trail in '92 Marlin came back before takeoff from Greenville to confirm that Baker had met today with Perot.

Is this great or what?

Asked about it on touchdown in Memphis, Bush shrugged his shoulders and said: "'Don't know much about it.'"

Marlin said on arrival at the high school that had spoken with Baker and "'Baker told me that they had agreed to keep it private and it's going to remain private.'"

Back to Marlin on AF1: "'Apparently this morning his secretary called Secretary Baker and suggested that they meet when he was going to be in Washington today. Sec. Baker agreed,'" Marlin said. "'They had a private meeting at Sec. Baker's home in Washington sometime mid-day...for a private discussion to hear what Mr. Perot had to say. We won't have any comment on the contents. I'm afraid that's all I know. We don't know who else he met with during the day.'"

Asked what Perot said when he requested the meeting, Marlin said: "'I don't know any specific reason other than he just said he would like to talk.'"

He confirmed again that Perot had initiated the meet.

Ron Kaufman, ever the tease, was also asked what the meet was about. Said on the tarmac in Memphis: "'I know, but I'm not telling.'"

Mary Matalin said she didn't know. "'No spin on this one guys,'" she said, launching into this ole number by Johnny Rivers. "'Help me information, give me Memphis, Tenn.'"

On arrival at Millington Naval Air Station in Memphis, Bush worked the crowd of several hundred or so before splitting for the high school.

And now this: Don't know if you could see it clearly from your vantage point, but Bush exchanged a few hugs, posed for a photo, and signed some autographs for a group of kid (cheerleaders, et. al.) on the tarmac before climbing aboard AF1. The kids surrounded him, groping for a handhold on his jacket or pants leg. One little fella (not much bigger than Mik) wrapped himself around Bush's legs and wouldn't let go. Finally, the prez backed out of reach, and the kid, who was perhaps 5 or 6-yrs-old and wore a Bush/Quayle T-shirt that hung to his ankles, walked away looking somewhat dejected. He was last sighted wandering in the direction of the crowd, all alone, scanning the rope line looking for who knows what...or who. Maybe Quayle. Or Baker.

And that leads us, yes, to.....the BAKER WATCH: Still ain't seen him yet. But maybe Perot would be willing to recount his close encounter.

McDonald -- Houston Chron
Friedman -- U.S. News

POOL REPORT # 1

September 22, 1992

Air Force 1 to Springfield, Mo.

All quiet on plane. About 150 people greeting Bush at the airport.

On tarmac at Springfield, Mary Matalin said the campaign is visiting six states in a day "because there are six weeks left in the campaign." She said the point of the day--in case you missed it--was that "his rhetoric doesn't match his record." She said of Clinton: "He has been out there distorting his record. Today, we'll be comparing his rhetoric to his record."

On this subject, Marlin at the airport said: "It just allows us to symbolically surround Arkansas and lay out the record of his 12 years as governor." He said the trip had been decided a week ago and kept quiet because we didn't want the Clinton campaign to know. After the speech, Marlin was asked why the voters of Arkansas keep electing Clinton if he is such a bad guy. "I don't know. It's beyond me."

Back to Matalin. Asked why the campaign was going to some states that should be gimmes for Bush, she said, "We're not taking any voters for granted right now. We're going to fight for every voter in every state." On what the point of the tarmac touchdowns is: "Believe it or not, you jaded, cynical folks, and I include myself in that, people really do get excited when the president comes to their state."

She attributed the polls to voters not having really started to focus on the campaign. "Until people start sitting down to focus, the polls will stay flat." Right now, "they're soft for both guys." "Voters are sitting they're. They're not convinced of Bill Clinton. They're incredibly wary of his character."

Ruth Marcus -- The Washington Post

GEORGE BUSH

R2

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daily
9/22



THE PRESIDENT

Tenn to D.C.

9-22-92

Nick -

I got your note re the
Germans not liking the commodity
idea; but Mullins told me he
thought it was good, so did
the WSO, so did some others
in the paper - I guess the

idea gets mixed reviews.

Thanks for your note
I think Schlesinger ought
to worry a little more about
his own performance.

Hang in!

AM

The Honorable Nicholas F. Brady



No reply

Mr President:

My strong objection to the inclusion
of "Commodity based ..." was not of
concern about you and your
standing and not on any personal
or bureaucratic reason.

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f2640No need for G7 commodity indicator--Schlesinger

WASHINGTON, Sept 21, Reuter - The head of Germany's central bank rejected President Bush's proposal to strengthen coordination among Group of Seven industrial nations by using a basket of commodities to measure economic performance.

Bundesbank president Helmut Schlesinger told reporters he believed current emphasis on stability-oriented policies was adequate. "I will not support such a proposal during the rest of my short tenure as Bundesbank president," he said.

"But if a new generation wants to return to the methods of our grandfathers, that is not for me to comment upon."

Under Bush's proposal, countries would be encouraged to shift economic policies if their performance strayed from an independent reference point, which could be based on a basket of commodities, including gold.

The aim of Bush's proposal would be to try to introduce more objective benchmarks into the policy coordination process in order to strengthen discipline among G7 members.

The G7 already uses commodity baskets in its regular discussions on economic policy coordination. The baskets include around 20 commodities.

REUTER

Mon Sep 21, 1992 11:08

GEORGE BUSH

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copy of
Hagins to

JAB

"FYI"

cc: (in & out)
JABIII (FYI)



THE PRESIDENT

on the road again
9-22

Dear Joe -

Thanks for u.s. of 9-14

I'll tell JAB
you're prepared to "suit up"
if needed. Rushing, but
many my thanks - *GIB*

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable Joseph W. Hagin II
7441 Wood Meadow Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45243

September 14, 1992

Dear Mr. President,

Knowing how good your network is you have probably already seen the attached but just in case you missed it & thought it was worth checking being presumptuous and incorrect by sending it along. Some of the something Senator Simpson would have written!

Boy I missed you during the Cincinnati rally, I was running around back-stage and just being in the wrong place at the wrong time to see you.

I feel terribly guilty not being there with you in the campaign, especially now that Baker, Keller and the Baker gang are back on board.

I have told a number of
people on the staff that if there
is anything that I can do to help
out or contribute in any way
to let me know and I'll be
back in a flash and I really
mean it.

Please give my love to
Mr. B and I hope to see
you both sometime soon.
Hodgwood on the "trail".

Best always,

Doc

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A NATIVE OF EAST TEXAS IF . . .

Your richest relative buys a new house and you have to help take the wheels off.
You've ever used lard in bed.
You think potted meat on a saltine is an hors d'oeuvre.
There is a stuffed 'possum mounted anywhere in your home.
You consider a six pack of beer and a bug zapper quality entertainment.
Less than half the cars you own run.
Your mother doesn't remove the Marlboro from her lips before telling the state patrolman to "kiss her ass".
The primary color of your car is "Bond-O".
Directions to your house include "turn off the paved road".
You honest-to-God think women are turned on by animal noises and seductive tongue gestures.
Your family tree doesn't fork.
Your wife's hairdo has never been ruined by a ceiling fan.
You've ever hollered "Rock the house, Bubba!" during a piano recital.
Your mother has ever been involved in a fistfight at a high school sports event.
You've ever barbecued Spam on the grill.
The neighbors started a petition over your Christmas lights.
You regularly answer the question "What have you been doing lately?" with "Partying".
Your brother-in-law is also your uncle.
You have refused to watch the Academy Awards since "Smokey and the Bandit" was snubbed for Best Picture.
The rear tires on your car are twice as wide as the front ones.
You prominently display a gift you bought at Graceland.
You consider "Outdoor Life" to be deep reading.
The diploma hanging in your den includes the words "Trucking Institute".
Your mother keeps a spit cup on the ironing board.
You've ever worn a tube top to a wedding.
The most common phrase you hear at your family reunion is "What are you lookin' at, Shithead?"
You think Camphophenique is a miracle drug.
You have more than two brothers named Bubba or Junior.
Your father encourages you to quit school because Larry has an opening on the lube rack.
You think a Volvo is part of a woman's anatomy.
You think the styrofoam cooler is the greatest invention of all time.
You've ever been too drunk to fish.
You have a rag for a gas cap.
You had a toothpick in your mouth when your wedding pictures were taken.

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Duty 9/22

Tuesday, September 22, 1992

PHONE CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: Rosey Grier

Just wanted to leave a message.

Believes you should focus on "experience of leadership during these changing times."

The whole world is going through a transition and the men and women of American need to work together on the state of the economy. A President can't do it alone.

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Roosevelt Grier
Chairman
Grier Industries
3005 South Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90007



THE PRESIDENT

September 22, 1992

Dear Rosey,

Just a quick note of thanks for your phone message. I appreciate your calling and your recommendations. I'll be sure to pass them along.

Just back from the campaign trail -- six states in one day. We head back out tomorrow. As I get my message out, I feel more confident about November.

Barbara and I send our best wishes to you and Margie.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "G. H. W. Bush", written over the word "Sincerely".

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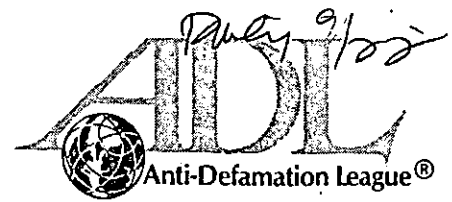
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September 10, 1992

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *9/22*

Charlie Horowitz

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I wanted you to know how much we appreciated your remarks at the B'nai B'rith Convention.

I know from talking to so many of the participants that your comments were well received. We are glad that you took the time to come be with us and to share your views with our many colleagues.

We hope you will attain success in your efforts to bring a lasting and secure peace to the Middle East.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Abraham H. Foxman
Abraham H. Foxman
National Director

AHF:saj

*Thank you especially for
your reference to my comments
about you and your efforts
on behalf of Israel -*

GEORGE BUSH

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Director and
Chairman of the Executive Committee
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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN 9/22

September 8, 1992

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

My dear Mr. President:

These last few days have been very stimulating. We Will Rebuild is coming together as an organization and -- despite the awesome destruction -- we have optimism that we will succeed.

This community is very grateful for your leadership and commitment to its rebuilding.

Very respectfully yours,

Alvah H Chapman Jr.

Alvah H. Chapman, Jr.

AHC:jm

May 9/22



Aboard Air Force One
From the Trail 9-22-92

But -

Take care of yourself,
that's the important
thing. We miss you out
here (now landing in Tulsa)
But your troops are
doing just great.

I'm feeling feisty
& fine so worry not.
Get healed!

CB

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 21, 1992

PERSONAL

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DR. BURTON LEE

Dear Mr. President,

It appears that I have ripped the leg muscle much worse than I thought. I am currently in and out of the hospital and it looks like I won't be off crutches for several more weeks.

The timing on this is obviously appalling. I want very much to be with you during these last weeks of the campaign but I doubt that I'm going to be able to do it. Currently I would just be a burden on the campaign trail.

I'll be staying in the White House and sending the rest of my team with you but please believe that my heart, soul, and brain, are with you every inch of the way.

As ever,

Burt

(DICTATED BUT NOT PERSONALLY SIGNED)

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Match up
outgoing
in Dallas

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Alfred Star Force One

Sept. 22, 1992

Dear Vessa & Dot -

In a few days
you will celebrate your

50th wedding Anniversary.

What a magnificent mile-

stone.

Barbara & I send

our heart-felt Congratulations

and our family's love.

Most Sincerely,

C. T. L.

Hand, 7/92

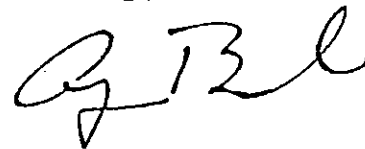
THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Jesse:

Barbara and I send you best wishes for a happy birthday. We hope that you have a wonderful day and that in the year ahead you will be blessed with good health and happiness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'G. B. L.', written in dark ink.

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Jesse and Dot Helms
50th Wedding Anniversary.

10/31/92

daily 9/22

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 9-22

FROM THE PRESIDENT

To: R2 (PHIL)

1. I have signed all but 1
2. Please ask Calin to review in case any of these could possibly be used by the recipient against our challenges
3. I've written 1 letter re 50th

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Gus:

Barbara and I send you best wishes for a happy birthday. We hope that you have a wonderful day and that in the year ahead you will be blessed with good health and happiness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of Lyndon B. Johnson, written over a large diagonal line that crosses the entire letter.

The Honorable Gus Savage
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SEPTEMBER 21, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: NICHOLAS E. CALIO *NEC*

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL BIRTHDAY LETTERS

Enclosed are letters for Members of Congress celebrating birthdays in the month of October for your signature. There are 7 Senate and 42 House letters as follows:

BIRTHDAY	MEMBER
October 3	Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)
October 6	Wyche Fowler (D-GA)
October 9	Trent Lott (R-MS)
October 12	Jake Garn (R-UT)
October 18	Jesse Helms (R-NC)
October 22	John Chafee (R-RI)
October 29	Connie Mack (R-FL)
October 3	Dave Obey (D-WI)
October 5	William Lehman (D-FL)
October 5	Ben Cardin (D-MD)
October 6	Doug Bereuter (R-NE)
October 6	John LaFalce (D-NY)
October 7	Bruce Vento (D-MN)
October 7	Richard Stallings (D-ID)
October 10	Toby Roth (R-WI)
October 11	J.J. Pickle (D-TX)
October 11	Sam Johnson (R-TX)
October 11	Vic Fazio (D-CA)
October 12	Craig Washington (D-TX)
October 15	Jim Leach (R-IA)
October 16	Gus Yatron (D-PA)
October 16	Bill Green (R-NY)
October 16	Alan Wheat (D-MO)
October 16	Christopher Cox (R-CA)
October 17	William Hughes (D-NJ)
October 17	David Hobson (R-OH)
October 17	Mike Synar (D-OK)
October 18	Joan Kelly Horn (D-MO)
October 18	Christopher Shays (R-CT)

October 20	Robert Borski (D-PA)
October 21	Jerry Lewis (R-CA)
October 21	Don Ritter (R-PA)
October 21	Les AuCoin (D-OR)
October 22	Ed Feighan (D-OH)
October 23	Jim Bunning (R-KY)
October 24	Jose Serrano (D-NY)
October 24	Kweisi Mfume (D-MD)
October 25	Larry Hopkins (R-KY)
October 26	Tom Lewis (R-FL)
October 26	Anthony Beilenson (D-CA)
October 26	Charles Stenholm (D-TX)
October 27	Mike Kopetski (D-OR)
October 30	Gus Savage (D-IL)
October 30	Pat Williams (D-MT)
October 30	Glenn Poshard (D-IL)
October 30	John Doolittle (R-CA)
October 30	Frank Pallone (D-NJ)
October 30	Timothy Roemer (D-IN)
October 31	Mike Parker (D-MS)

Presidential Phone Calls

Aboard Air Force One



DATE:

9-22

TIME:

8 AM

incoming / outgoing

WITH:

Teeter

SUBJECT:

① Ray Silver - he'll see him

② Moskauer up-kept on
finely (yes RM told
RT saw)

③ W.P. poll -

different from all
others 7772

FOLLOW UP:

Presidential Phone Calls

Aboard Air Force One



DATE: 9-22 TIME: 8
incoming / outgoing

WITH: RZ

SUBJECT: ① Teeter see Siller

② Show RT Crowe
letters

FOLLOW UP: _____

UNIVERSITY PLAZA CONVENTION CENTER
8:30 A.M.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1992
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

*Charges -
revised w/
Probst 7/30*

F.H.

THANK YOU, GOVERNOR ASHCROFT FOR THAT KIND
INTRODUCTION.

TWO WEEKS AGO IN DETROIT, I PRESENTED TO THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE MY AGENDA FOR AMERICAN RENEWAL -- A CLEAR-EYED
LOOK AT WHAT'S WRONG WITH OUR COUNTRY, AND WHAT'S RIGHT.
I OFFERED A COMPREHENSIVE, INTEGRATED APPROACH TO WIN THE
NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC COMPETITION. SO THAT BY EARLY IN THE
NEXT CENTURY, THE WORLD'S FIRST \$10 TRILLION ECONOMY WILL
BE FOUND RIGHT HERE, IN THE UNITED STATES. //

LAST WEEK, I DISCUSSED IN DETAIL HOW MY VISION OF
OUR FUTURE DIFFERS FROM THAT OF MY OPPONENT. THE
DIFFERENCES COULDN'T BE DEEPER -- THE STAKES COULDN'T BE
HIGHER.

BASICALLY, IT COMES DOWN TO THIS: MY OPPONENT BELIEVES GOVERNMENT PLANNERS CAN MANAGE THE ECONOMY BETTER THAN THE WORKERS AND ENTREPRENEURS WHO ACTUALLY MAKE IT GROW.

*Small business
men & women*

I RESPECT GOVERNMENT, BUT I DON'T PUT MY FAITH IN IT. I PUT MY FAITH IN THE TAX-PAYING, HARD-WORKING MEN AND WOMEN OF AMERICA.//

? *Gov*
CANDIDATE CLINTON WANTS TO RAISE TAXES THAT WILL KILL JOBS. I WANT TO CUT TAXES TO HELP AMERICANS CREATE JOBS.

CANDIDATE CLINTON WANTS TO INCREASE FEDERAL SPENDING BY AT LEAST \$220 BILLION. AND I WANT TO CUT IT ... BY THAT MUCH AND MORE.

I WANT THE DIFFERENCES TO BE CLEAR AND SHARP. AND THEN YOU WILL MAKE A CHOICE.

ACCORDING TO CANDIDATE CLINTON, THE LAST TEN YEARS HAVE BEEN A NIGHTMARE. WELL, I HATE TO WAKE HIM UP, BUT I'VE GOT NEWS FOR HIM: IT ISN'T TRUE.

THE URBAN INSTITUTE BACK IN WASHINGTON ISN'T USUALLY SYMPATHETIC TO ME, BUT LISTEN TO WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE 1980'S: "WHEN ONE FOLLOWS INDIVIDUALS RATHER THAN STATISTICAL GROUPS DEFINED BY INCOME, ONE FINDS THAT, ON AVERAGE, THE RICH GOT A LITTLE RICHER AND THE POOR GOT MUCH RICHER." THAT'S THE TRUTH: OUR POLICIES OF CUTTING TAXES HAVE SPURRED GROWTH FOR ALL AMERICANS.

(not mean)

CANDIDATE CLINTON DOESN'T THINK THIS IS "FAIR." MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE GOVERNOR CLINTON DOESN'T HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE WITH TAX FAIRNESS IN HIS OWN STATE.

GOVERNOR CLINTON HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED ARKANSAS STATE SPENDING SINCE 1983. AND HE HAS PAID FOR IT BY RAISING THE TAXES THAT HURT POOR AND WORKING FAMILIES THE MOST. MY OPPONENT HAS RAISED AND EXTENDED HIS SALES TAX REPEATEDLY -- AND HE HAS OPPOSED REMOVING THAT TAX FROM GROCERIES. THAT'S RIGHT: FOOD AND DRINK, WHICH IN MOST STATE'S ISN'T TAXED AT ALL.

GOVERNOR CLINTON RAISED TAXES ON BEER. STARTED TAXING ON MOBILE HOMES, TOO. GOVERNOR CLINTON MORE THAN DOUBLED ARKANSAS'S GAS TAX -- TO 18-AND-A-HALF CENTS PER GALLON. GOVERNOR CLINTON EVEN TAXED FOOD STAMPS UNTIL THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FORCED HIM TO STOP. AND AS IF WORKING FAMILIES IN ARKANSAS DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS ALREADY -- HE'S EVEN TRIED TO TAX CHILD CARE.

WHEN IT COMES TO TAXES, GOVERNOR CLINTON CAN'T SEEM TO GET ENOUGH. LAST YEAR, HE SIGNED THE LARGEST TAX INCREASE IN ARKANSAS HISTORY. THE ARKANSAS GAZETTE CALLED IT "INHUMANE." I'LL QUOTE FROM AN ARTICLE THEY PUBLISHED WHEN ALL WAS SAID AND DONE: "EIN THE CLINTON ERA," IT SAYS, "THE STATE TAX SYSTEM HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE REGRESSIVE. IT HAS BECOME, STEP BY STEP, A PRETTY BAD SYSTEM, STACKED AGAINST THE ORDINARY TAXPAYER AND CONSUMER, STACKED FOR THE RICH AND THE SPECIAL INTEREST(S)." END QUOTE.

ANOTHER ARKANSAS NEWSPAPER WAS EVEN MORE DIRECT. THE PINE BLUFF COMMERCIAL WROTE: -- AND I QUOTE AGAIN -
- "IF CONGRESS FOLLOWED THE EXAMPLE BILL CLINTON HAS SET AS GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS, IT WOULD PASS A TAX PROGRAM THAT WOULD HIT THE MIDDLE CLASS HARDEST."

THAT'S BEEN HIS TAX POLICY IN ARKANSAS. LOOK AT WHAT IT DID TO THE STATE'S ECONOMY.

TAKE PER-CAPITA INCOME, FOR EXAMPLE. THAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE FOR WORKING MEN AND WOMEN: HOW MUCH INCOME, ON AVERAGE, EACH OF THEM HAVE.

WELL, AT THE END OF THE 1980'S, ARKANSAS RANKED 48TH IN THE NATION FOR PER-CAPITA INCOME -- ONLY ABOUT 73 PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL AVERAGE, AND THAT WAS EVEN LOWER THAN THE 75 PERCENT IN 1980.

AND WHAT ABOUT ALL THOSE GOOD MANUFACTURING JOBS THAT CANDIDATE CLINTON TALKS ABOUT? WELL, AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS FOR ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING WORKERS RANKED 47TH IN 1980. BY 1989, THEY HAD DROPPED TO 50TH.

NOW CANDIDATE CLINTON SAYS HE WANTS TO DO TO THE AMERICAN ECONOMY WHAT GOVERNOR CLINTON'S DONE TO ARKANSAS TAXES, INCOME AND JOBS.

AND I DON'T THINK HE'S KIDDING: CANDIDATE CLINTON WANTS THE BIGGEST TAX INCREASE IN HISTORY -- AND THAT'S NOT EVEN COUNTING HIS PAYROLL TAXES FOR TRAINING AND HEALTH CARE.

YOU TELL ME: IS THAT FAIR?

WHY LET HIM DO TO AMERICA WHAT HE'S DONE TO ARKANSAS?

ANOTHER ISSUE: WHAT ABOUT CRIME? CANDIDATE CLINTON
LIKES TO TALK TOUGH. YOU'LL HEAR HIM CRITICIZE ME ABOUT
FEDERAL AID TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.

BUT IN FACT, SINCE 1989, WE'VE PROPOSED A 59 PERCENT
INCREASE IN FEDERAL SPENDING TO FIGHT CRIME.

YOU'LL ALSO HEAR HIM MAKE SOME PRETTY IMPRESSIVE
CLAIMS ABOUT CRIME CONTROL IN ARKANSAS.

WRONG AGAIN.

CANDIDATE CLINTON -- MEET GOVERNOR CLINTON. DURING
THE 1980'S, THE NATION'S OVERALL CRIME RATE ACTUALLY
DECLINED.

BUT NOT IN ARKANSAS! IN FACT, GOVERNOR CLINTON'S STATE HAD THE BIGGEST INCREASE IN THE OVERALL CRIME RATE IN THE ENTIRE NATION -- NEARLY 28 PERCENT!

AND VIOLENT CRIME? ARKANSAS'S VIOLENT CRIME RATE WENT UP MORE THAN 58 PERCENT -- ONE OF THE WORST RECORDS IN THE NATION.

WHY? I'VE GOT A FEW HUNCHES. WHILE VIOLENT CRIME WAS EXPLODING ON GOVERNOR CLINTON'S WATCH, THE NUMBER OF SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ACTUALLY DECLINED IN ONE OUT OF EVERY THREE ARKANSAS COUNTIES. ARKANSAS RANKS NEAR ROCK BOTTOM IN EVERY IMPORTANT PER-CAPITA LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPENDITURE -- FOR PRISONS: 46TH. FOR JUDICIAL AND LEGAL SYSTEMS: 50TH. AND WHEN IT COMES TO SPENDING FOR POLICE OFFICERS, ARKANSAS RANKS 49TH.

AND IN ARKANSAS, WHEN THE PRISON DOOR SLAMS SHUT ON A CONVICTED CRIMINAL, HE KNOWS IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE IT OPENS AGAIN. AS INCREDIBLE AS IT SOUNDS, MOST INMATES IN ARKANSAS SERVE LESS THAN ONE-FIFTH -- ONE-FIFTH -- OF THEIR SENTENCE BEHIND BARS. THAT'S THE WORST IN THE NATION.

NOW CONTRAST THAT WITH WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL. MOST FEDERAL INMATES SERVE AT LEAST 85 PERCENT OF THEIR FULL SENTENCE. I THINK IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE: IF YOU TAKE LIBERTIES WITH THE LAW, YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE YOUR OWN.

WHEN YOU LOOK AT GOVERNOR CLINTON'S RECORD ON LAW ENFORCEMENT, IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT LAST WEEK -- THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE IN LITTLE ROCK GAVE ME THEIR ENDORSEMENT FOR PRESIDENT. THAT'S THE VERDICT OF THE POLICE OFFICERS IN GOVERNOR CLINTON'S HOMETOWN.

LET'S LOOK AT ANOTHER CONTRAST BETWEEN CANDIDATE CLINTON'S RHETORIC AND GOVERNOR CLINTON'S RECORD -- WITH CHILDREN. IN HIS NEW BOOK, CANDIDATE CLINTON SAYS THAT AMERICA HAS FAILED TO PROVIDE ITS CHILDREN WITH EITHER THE BEST EDUCATION OR ADEQUATE PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE. THAT'S WHAT THE CANDIDATE SAYS. BUT HOW ABOUT THE GOVERNOR?

LOOK AT THE FACTS. DURING THE 1980'S, ARKANSAS FELL FROM 47TH TO 48TH PLACE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF ADULTS WITH A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

ARKANSAS'S RANKINGS ON ITS PRIMARY COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION -- THE ^{ACT} ACT -- HAVE DECLINED. TWENTY-EIGHT STATES USE THE ACT AS THEIR PRIMARY COLLEGE ENTRANCE TEST. THE NEW YORK TIMES RECENTLY REPORTED THAT IN 1979 ARKANSAS RANKED 20TH OUT OF THOSE 28. ITS LATEST AVAILABLE RANKING IS DOWN -- TO 25TH OUT OF 28. AND WE KNOW THAT MORE THAN THREE-QUARTERS OF ARKANSAS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES REQUIRE REMEDIAL INSTRUCTION WHEN THEY GET TO COLLEGE. THINK ABOUT THAT. 75 PERCENT OF ARKANSAS COLLEGE STUDENTS SPEND THEIR FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE RELEARNING WHAT THEY MISSED IN HIGH SCHOOL.

AND WHEN IT COMES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF ADULTS WITH A COLLEGE DEGREE, GOVERNOR CLINTON'S ARKANSAS STILL RANKS 50TH.

NOW, WHEN IT COMES TO PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM VIOLENCE, YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS. MY OPPONENT'S RECORD IS ... IN ONE WORD ... APPALLING. THE FACTS AREN'T PRETTY, BUT THEY SHOULD BE HEARD.

DURING THE 1980'S, THE DEATH RATE FOR AMERICAN CHILDREN 14 AND UNDER IMPROVED DRAMATICALLY. BUT IN ARKANSAS -- IT GOT WORSE. THE STATE RANKED 49TH IN 1989. IN THE LATE 1980'S, ARKANSAS'S RATE OF VIOLENT DEATHS FOR TEENAGERS SOARED AT THREE TIMES THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. OVER THE DECADE, CHILD ABUSE REPORTS SHOT UP 130 PERCENT.

NOW, IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT GOVERNOR CLINTON WAS UNAWARE OF WHAT WAS GOING ON. THROUGHOUT THE 1980'S, STUDY AFTER STUDY CONTAINED DETAILED FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS -- A CRY FOR HELP. HE EVEN COMMISSIONED SOME OF THESE STUDIES HIMSELF. IN 1990, HIS OWN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES REPORTED THAT "FREQUENT AND WIDESPREAD" OFFICIAL FAILURES HAD PLACED THE CHILDREN OF ARKANSAS IN "IMMINENT PERIL."

STILL GOVERNOR CLINTON DID NOTHING. FINALLY A GROUP OF CHILD WELFARE ADVOCATES TOOK THE GOVERNOR TO COURT. THEY FILED A FEDERAL CLASS ACTION SUIT NAMING HIM AS LEAD DEFENDANT. ON JUNE 8TH -- LESS THAN FOUR MONTHS AGO - - MY OPPONENT FINALLY SETTLED.

AND NOW CANDIDATE CLINTON PROMISES TO CRACK DOWN ON VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN. RIGHT THERE IN HIS BOOK -- PAGE 49.

IT MAKES YOU WONDER. BEFORE THIS CAMPAIGN IS OVER, WE MAY HAVE TO FIND AN EVEN BETTER WORD THAN "SLICK."

NOW TO THE ENVIRONMENT. I LOVE TO HIKE -- CAMP IN THE WOODS. YOU'VE HEARD ME TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT MANY TIMES. BUT TO ME REAL ELOQUENCE IS ACTION -- AND I HAVE ACTED. THERE'S OUR HISTORIC CLEAN AIR ACT -- CUTTING ACID RAIN IN HALF. WE'VE BANISHED OFFSHORE OIL RIGS FROM SENSITIVE BEACHES ON BOTH COASTS -- AND ADDED A BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF NEW FORESTS AND PARKS FOR OUR CHILDREN TO ENJOY.

AND IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY HAS ASSESSED MORE THAN HALF OF ALL THE CIVIL PENALTIES AND CRIMINAL FINES IN EPA'S HISTORY -- MORE THAN \$200 MILLION. TO THOSE WHO SPOIL OUR LAKES AND AIR WE ARE SAYING -- MESS WITH OUR CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND YOU WILL PAY.

THOSE ARE FACTS -- THAT'S THE RECORD. BUT CANDIDATE CLINTON CALLS AMERICA'S ENVIRONMENTAL RECORD SINCE 1989 A "DISASTER." HE PROMISES A -- QUOTE -- "REAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY" THAT WILL -- QUOTE -- "CHALLENGE AMERICANS AND DEMAND RESPONSIBILITY AT EVERY LEVEL."

MY ADVICE: LET'S TAKE CANDIDATE CLINTON AT HIS WORD. DEMAND THAT CANDIDATES RUN ON THEIR RECORDS -- NOT FROM THEM. I'LL STAND BY MINE. LET'S SEE IF HE CAN STAND ON HIS.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, MY OPPONENT WAS ASKED TO NAME A SINGLE ARKANSAS LAW THAT EXCEEDS FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS. HE COULDN'T -- NOT ONE. THE GOVERNOR HAS ACCEPTED GENEROUS CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND FREE PLANE RIDES FROM ARKANSAS'S POWERFUL CHICKEN INDUSTRY. THE INDUSTRY IS THE ULTIMATE SOURCE OF -- ((I'LL PUT THIS AS DELICATELY AS I CAN)) -- FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA, WHICH POLLUTES HUNDREDS OF MILES OF ARKANSAS RIVERS. GOVERNOR CLINTON DID CREATE AN ANIMAL WASTE TASK FORCE TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUE. BUT THE TASK FORCE SUBCOMMITTEE WAS HEADED BY A CHICKEN EXECUTIVE. THEY DECIDED THAT CONTROLS ON CHICKEN LITTER SHOULD BE VOLUNTARY.

((I GUESS IN ARKANSAS -- SOME THINGS DO RUN THICKER THAN WATER.))

LAST YEAR, THE INSTITUTE FOR SOUTHERN STUDIES RELEASED AN EXTRAORDINARILY DETAILED, STATE-BY-STATE STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND PROGRESS. LET ME QUOTE THE INSTITUTE'S RESEARCH DIRECTOR: "IN THE AREAS OF POLICY -- LAWS PASSED, NOT TASK FORCES OR COMMISSIONS SET UP TO STUDY A PROBLEM -- ARKANSAS WAS 50TH, THE WORST IN THE NATION."

CANDIDATE CLINTON COMPLAINS THAT THE STUDY WAS FLAWED. SO LET ME QUOTE THE GOVERNOR'S OWN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION. HE SAYS -- QUOTE -- "WE DESERVE TO BE LOW ON THE LIST. IT DOESN'T MEAN ARKANSAS HAS DIRTIER AIR THAN CALIFORNIA, BUT IF CALIFORNIA WAS OPERATING ON THE LAWS OF ARKANSAS, YOU'D PROBABLY HAVE TO HAVE A GAS MASK."

FINALLY, LET'S TALK ABOUT HEALTH CARE. AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, MY OPPONENT AND I HAVE TWO VASTLY DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO THE PROBLEM. I WANT TO USE COMPETITION TO EXPAND COVERAGE, PRESERVE QUALITY, AND DRIVE DOWN COSTS. CANDIDATE CLINTON WANTS TO BRING OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. UNTIL LAST MONTH, CANDIDATE CLINTON PRETENDED THAT HIS PLAN WOULDN'T COST A DIME. BUT THEN SOMEONE AT USA TODAY GOT HIM TO ADMIT WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING ALL ALONG: HIS PLAN WOULD REQUIRE A NEW PAYROLL TAX.

THAT TAX WILL KILL JOBS, ESPECIALLY IN SMALL BUSINESSES. AND IT WILL CUT WAGES. BUT SINCE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OUR RECORDS TODAY, CONSIDER THIS, TOO. CANDIDATE CLINTON SAYS "HEALTH CARE SHOULD BE A RIGHT, NOT A PRIVILEGE." AND YET -- UNDER GOVERNOR CLINTON - - ARKANSAS HAS ONE OF THE NATION'S WORST HEALTH INSURANCE CRISES.

MORE THAN 42 PERCENT OF ARKANSAS WORKERS -- THE SECOND HIGHEST PERCENTAGE IN THE NATION -- DON'T EVEN HAVE EMPLOYER-PAID HEALTH INSURANCE. AND THE NEW YORK TIMES SAYS A FULL 25 PERCENT OF ALL STATE RESIDENTS HAVE NO HEALTH INSURANCE AT ALL.

CANDIDATE CLINTON NOW SAYS AMERICA -- QUOTE -- "CAN'T AFFORD FOUR MORE YEARS" WITHOUT A SOLUTION TO OUR HEALTH CARE PROBLEM. I AGREE. BUT GOVERNOR CLINTON TOOK A LONG TIME TO COME AROUND. EARLY LAST YEAR -- IN HIS FIFTH TERM AS GOVERNOR -- HE FINALLY SIGNED A BILL TO PROVIDE "BARE BONES" COVERAGE TO PEOPLE WHO'VE GONE UNINSURED FOR MORE THAN A YEAR.

YET AS OF LAST FALL, EVEN THIS MINIMAL PLAN HAD STILL NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED. IN FACT, IT WAS ONLY THIS MONTH THAT THE FIRST INSURANCE COMPANY BEGAN OFFERING THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN AS AN OPTION. BILL BECKER, HEAD OF THE ARKANSAS AFL-CIO, HAS CALLED MY OPPONENT'S STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM -- AND I QUOTE -- "A WORTHLESS, CYNICAL POLITICAL PLOY."

SO THERE YOU HAVE IT. NEXT TIME YOU HEAR CANDIDATE CLINTON PROMISE TO BE A PROGRESSIVE "CHANGE AGENT" FOR THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES, THINK OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND TAXES IN THE STATE HE'S LEFT BEHIND. THINK OF CRIME AND CHILD ABUSE AND EDUCATION IN ARKANSAS. THINK OF THE ENVIRONMENT HE'S NEGLECTED -- THE HEALTH CARE PROBLEMS HE'S IGNORED.

THINK ABOUT ALL THIS THE NEXT TIME CANDIDATE CLINTON SAYS HE WILL DO FOR AMERICA WHAT HE'S DONE FOR ARKANSAS.

IT'S TRUE WE'RE HAVING A BIG DEBATE ABOUT AMERICA'S FUTURE.

BUT FIRST YOU HAVE TO LEARN WHO'S REALLY ON THE OTHER SIDE. YOU HAVE TO KNOW -- IS IT THE WORDS OF CANDIDATE CLINTON OR THE ACTIONS OF GOVERNOR CLINTON.

WE'VE SEEN OVER THE LAST NINE MONTHS THAT CANDIDATE CLINTON APPEARS WILLING TO SAY ANYTHING TO ANYONE.

BUT THE RECORD OF GOVERNOR CLINTON PROVES THAT IT
DOESN'T MATTER WHAT THE CANDIDATE WILL SAY TO ANYONE.
BECAUSE HE WON'T DELIVER!

SO EITHER WAY -- WHETHER IT'S CANDIDATE CLINTON OR
GOVERNOR CLINTON -- BILL CLINTON IS WRONG FOR AMERICA.

I SAY WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS. I SAY AMERICA
DESERVES BETTER THAN THIS.

I KNOW WE HAVE PROBLEMS TO FIX. THAT'S WHY I'VE
PRESENTED MY AGENDA.

AND I KNOW WE NEED TO GET TO WORK -- TO KEEP AMERICA
SECURE AND STRONG IN THIS NEW ERA. THAT'S WHY MY AGENDA
CONTAINS 13 SPECIFIC ACTIONS I'M GOING TO FIGHT TO
ACCOMPLISH IN THE FIRST YEAR OF MY SECOND TERM.

I'M GOING TO GET THEM DONE -- WITH YOUR HELP.

- 25 -

BECAUSE AMERICA HAS THE CHARACTER TO WIN THE ECONOMIC
COMPETITION -- TO WIN THE PEACE.

LET'S GET ON WITH THE JOB.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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CANDIDATE CLINTON AND HIS RUNNING MATE RECENTLY PUBLISHED A PAPERBACK BOOK -- A CATALOGUE OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT AMERICA. AND IT'S FULL OF GRAND PROMISES ABOUT THE FUTURE THEY'RE PLANNING FOR THEMSELVES IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

WAY BACK ON PAGE 175, THERE'S A CHAPTER CALLED "THE CLINTON-GORE RECORD." ELEVEN SINGLE-SPACED PAGES -- EVERYTHING NICE THEY COULD POSSIBLY THINK TO SAY ABOUT THEMSELVES. AND NOT ONE WORD ABOUT CIVIL RIGHTS. NOT ONE WORD -- EVEN THOUGH GOVERNOR CLINTON SAYS -- AND I QUOTE -- "EVERYBODY KNOWS -- I HAVE THE BEST CIVIL RIGHTS RECORD." HIS WORDS.

*(Do you
have
C. rights
in our plan)*

SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW THAT IN 1968 -- WHEN I WAS A CONGRESSMAN FROM TEXAS -- I SUPPORTED THE FAIR HOUSING ACT. IT WASN'T POPULAR WITH SOME OF MY CONSTITUENTS. TIMES HAVE CHANGED, OF COURSE, AND NOWADAYS 41 STATES HAVE LAWS BANNING HOUSING DISCRIMINATION. FORTY-ONE STATES. BUT ARKANSAS ISN'T ONE OF THEM -- EVEN THOUGH MY OPPONENT HAS BEEN GOVERNOR FOR 12 YEARS.

SO LAST YEAR, AFTER TOUGH NEGOTIATIONS WITH CONGRESS, I DID SIGN A MAJOR CIVIL RIGHTS BILL -- WITHOUT RESORTING TO QUOTAS. EVEN THOUGH HIS PARTY ENJOYS OVERWHELMING CONTROL OF THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE, GOVERNOR CLINTON STILL HASN'T BROUGHT A CIVIL RIGHTS BILL TO THE PEOPLE OF ARKANSAS.

SO WHEN YOU HEAR THE CANDIDATE CLINTON'S RHETORIC ABOUT CIVIL RIGHTS, REMEMBER GOVERNOR CLINTON'S RECORD.

BELIEVE ME: I'LL BE HAPPY TO PUT MY CIVIL RIGHTS RECORD NEXT TO HIS ANY DAY OF THE WEEK.

NOW CONSIDER ANOTHER ISSUE: ECONOMIC FAIRNESS. CANDIDATE CLINTON IS PLAYING THE OLD GAME LIBERALS LOVE TO PLAY -- CLASS WARFARE. AND CANDIDATE CLINTON IS GOOD AT IT: USING THE SAME TIRED, TWISTED, PARTISAN STATISTICS TO EXPLAIN HOW THE POOR CAN ONLY GET RICHER IF THE RICH GET POORER.

~~Secret~~
Presidential Phone Calls

Aboard Air Force One



R2
no cc's to
this
anyone
120 EST
incoming / outgoing

DATE: 9-22-

TIME: 120 EST
incoming / outgoing

WITH: JAB

SUBJECT: Yes, letter from debate Commission

1. get together

2. 1st debate be the v.p.

3. they say they can move VP Box 4

he needs a debate, we don't

Ross 3 things

FOLLOW UP: 1. st. chair meet Dallas -

ground up - not top down

2. Demo wants to meet with

them - hill say who Demo

send - we can send someone

3. POW's - expect Demo to
go on offense

Presidential Phone Calls

Aboard Air Force One



DATE: _____ TIME: _____
incoming / outgoing

WITH: _____

SUBJECT: 3. 60 minutes thinking
of doing wiretaps
try tapping for
Scott Barnes or men who
try to tap it -
Left big dumb trail
Fitzwater, Tetter, Kautman

FOLLOW UP: Sat in front of his
office - with binoculars etc
(Crazy thing)

MATERIALS FORWARDED TO THE PRESIDENT
September 22, 1992

ACTION

1. Termination of Title VII Action Against Norway (PB has).
2. Letter to Barry Mohr and Dennis Tratnyek re invitation to speak at Seton Hall University (PB has).
3. Victory '92 Fundraiser Letter/State Party Level (PB has).
4. Letter to John Gilchrist, Little Rock Fraternal Order of Police, and photo to be signed for the organization (PB has).
5. Veto Message on S. 5 -- Family and Medical Leave Act of 1992 (PB has).

CLASSIFIED

1. Letters to Foley and Michel re Cuban Democracy Act.

INFORMATION

1. Porter memo re Federalizing Child Support
2. Calio Memo re Senate Votes Today on the Cable Bill and the Motor Voter Bill. (sent to PB)
3. Block schedule.
4. Copy of attachment to Fitzwater briefing paper (for 9/23 7:45 a.m. phone interview) re the President's meeting with finalists of Boys and Girls Clubs before he boards Marine I

REMARKS

1. Springfield, Mo Event (to the Residence with Tripbook).
2. Tulsa, Oklahoma - Longview, TX - Shrevport, LA - Greenville MS. - Memphis, TN.
3. Small Business Initiatives Event - Greensboro, N.C. (Sent to PB)

SCHEDULE

1. Tripbook for Tuesday, 09/22 (delivered to the Residence after midnight).
2. Goldline only for 09/23



News Summary

OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1992
6:00 A.M. EDT EDITION

TRIP NEWS

BUSH TAKES UP DRAFT CRY -- President Bush Monday for the first time directly attacked Bill Clinton on his draft record, assailing Clinton's "total failure to come clean with the American people" about his effort to avoid military service during the Vietnam War.
(Washington Post, Washington Times, Reuter, Knight-Ridder)

BUSH ENDORSES EXPANSION OF U.N. PEACE-KEEPING ROLE -- President Bush endorsed an expanded peace-keeping role for the U.N. Monday as part of his vision for the post-Cold War world.
(New York Times, Washington Post, AP, Knight-Ridder, Reuter, UPI)

NATIONAL NEWS

CLINTON PICKS UP ENDORSEMENTS OF BUSINESS LEADERS -- Gov. Clinton, seeking credibility for his economic plan, Monday picked up the endorsement of a group of 400 business leaders from across the country who said they had lost patience with the economic policies of the current Republican Administration.
(Copley, Reuter)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

EUROPEANS ARE COOL TO BUSH'S MONETARY PLAN -- European economic leaders Monday poured cold water on President Bush's suggestion that currency coordination be tied more closely to the prices of commodities, including gold.
(Washington Post)

NETWORK NEWS (Monday evening)

CLINTON AND DRAFT/PRESIDENT -- Regarding Clinton's draft record, President Bush used some very strong language today.

U.N./PRESIDENT -- President Bush said the U.S. would start making its bases available for the training of U.N. troops.

CLINTON ENDORSEMENT -- In Chicago Bill Clinton collected the endorsement of more than 400 CEOs.

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TRIP NEWS

BUSH TAKES UP DRAFT CRY Clinton Accused Of Failing To Level With Public

NEW YORK -- President Bush Monday for the first time directly attacked Bill Clinton on his draft record, assailing Clinton's "total failure to come clean with the American people" about his effort to avoid military service during the Vietnam War.

Bush, interviewed by Rush Limbaugh, said the "fundamental difficulty is that he has not told the full truth, the whole truth, nothing but the truth." Bush sought to use the draft issue to point up differences between himself and Clinton. "I have a very different concept of public service," he said. "I have a very different concept of military service. I'm sure I would never call the military immoral." Asked about Bush's charges, Clinton, who was campaigning in Chicago, immediately pointed to his newest and heaviest gun in the draft issue debate -- Adm. Crowe. "Admiral Crowe has more credibility on truth telling than George Bush," Clinton said during a news conference with business executives who endorsed him Monday in Chicago. "The only reaction I have is you ought to go back and see what Mr. Bush said about this (draft) issue in February in New Hampshire when he was ahead in the polls," Clinton said in response to a question. "He said it shouldn't be an issue."

(Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, A1)

Bush Addresses U.N., Goes After Clinton On Draft Issue

President Bush pursued Bill Clinton on two fronts Monday, appearing presidential for a speech to the U.N. General Assembly, then going for Clinton's gut over the draft issue on a right-wing radio call-in show.

"There are still wolves in the woods and someday the commander-in-chief might have to make a very difficult decision," Bush said on the President's role as head of the armed forces.

"The fundamental difficulty is that he has not told the full truth, the whole truth, nothing but the truth," Bush said of Clinton and the Rush Limbaugh show.

In remarks to the U.N. General Assembly, Bush offered U.N. peacekeeping troops the use of American military bases and logistics around the world in the post-Cold War era.

Shortly afterward, the Bush Administration announced it wanted to sell 12 anti-submarine helicopters to Taiwan.

(Irwin Arieff, Reuter)

Bush Tells Foe To Come Clean

NEW YORK -- President Bush Monday accused Bill Clinton of lying about his Vietnam War draft record and demanded that he "come clean" on the issue. "The fundamental difficulty on this is that he has not told the full truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I think therein the American people are entitled to an explanation," Bush said, abandoning his posture of referring only obliquely to the draft. The President's first head-on attack on Clinton's truthfulness came during a live 40-minute radio interview by Rush Limbaugh.

(Frank Murray, Washington Times, A1)

Bush Goes After Clinton On Draft, 1969 Letter

NEW YORK -- After weeks of letting his operatives attack Bill Clinton on the draft issue, President Bush joined the fray for the first time Monday, charging that Bill Clinton has not "come clean" and challenging his credentials to be commander-in-chief.

But the White House was immediately put on the defensive by Bush's off-the-cuff, negative attack. To bolster his case, Bush resorted to distorted and inaccurate references to Clinton's past statements on the military and war -- allowing the Clinton campaign to charge foul play.

"The lower he goes in the polls, the lower his blows will be," said Paul Begala, a Clinton adviser.

Bush claimed, wrongly, that Clinton had written in a 1969 letter that the military was "immoral" and that he would only fight for his country if its shores were in immediate danger of being attacked.

In fact, Clinton wrote that he considered the draft system "illegitimate" because governments should not have the power to compel citizens to fight in wars in which the survival of the nation was not at stake. (Ellen Warren, Knight-Ridder)

BUSH ENDORSES EXPANSION OF U.N PEACE-KEEPING ROLE

U.N. -- President Bush endorsed an expanded peace-keeping role for the U.N. Monday as part of his vision for the post-Cold War world.

Addressing a special session of the U.N. General Assembly, Bush pledged to enhance U.S. participation in peace-keeping activities by providing military and intelligence expertise and by making U.S. military bases available to train peacekeeping forces. He said the U.S. will emphasize training of its combat, engineering and logistical units for peace-keeping and humanitarian activities.

"Let me assure you: the United States is ready to do its part to strengthen world peace by strengthening international peace keeping," Bush said in an annual address to the world body, in which he also proposed an overhaul of U.S. foreign aid.

(Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, A15)

Bush, In Address To U.N., Urges More Vigor In Keeping The Peace

NEW YORK -- President Bush told U.N. members Monday that Washington was ready to support a greatly expanded role for peacekeeping missions and to adapt the U.S. military to better assist in such operations.

But despite his stated willingness to promote the U.N.'s role in preserving the peace, Bush did not offer ground troops for the 12 peacekeeping operations under way. Nor did he offer any new money for such tasks, or promise to pay the \$733.1 million in dues and arrears that Washington owes the U.N.

(Thomas Friedman, New York Times, A1)

Bush Pledges Support For U.N. Peacekeeping, But No Troops Or Debt Payoff

U.N. -- While President Bush was pledging support Monday for the rapidly accelerating pace and importance of U.N. peacekeeping, the U.S. maintained its distinction as the biggest U.N. budget deadbeat. It owes the U.N. \$1.1 billion. Not only did Bush, in a speech to the General Assembly, not pledge to pay up, he also pointedly failed to commit U.S. troops to any of the 12 active peacekeeping operations worldwide. Bush pledged only to provide logistical support, to help train U.N. peacekeepers -- from other countries -- and to "review how we fund peacekeeping and explore new ways to ensure adequate American financial support for U.N. peacekeeping." (Andrew Katell, AP)

Bush Seeks Expanded U.N. In Address To General Assembly

U.N. -- In a speech tinged with election-year politics, President Bush on Monday proposed an expanded U.N. role to prevent war, keep the peace and create jobs in the U.S. Bush offered his vision for a revitalized and changed U.N. in a speech to the General Assembly where he pledged to reallocate \$1 billion in U.S. funds for grants and credits to support American business in countries attempting economic reform. That election-year promise for U.S. businesses would create 40,000 new American jobs, the White House said. And that was only part of Bush's politically useful bounty announced Monday. The President also proposed that Fort Dix in nearby New Jersey -- a critically important state for Bush's reelection bid -- become a center for multinational field exercises and training for U.N. peacekeeping forces.

(Ellen Warren, Knight-Ridder)

Bush Offers To Help Strengthen U.N. Peacekeeping Capabilities

President Bush is ready to help bolster United Nations peacekeeping power by giving U.N. "blue helmet" troops access to U.S. military bases, training and logistical support. In an address to the U.N. General Assembly Monday, Bush also suggested that American fighting forces might be assigned to international peacekeeping duties to a greater extent than they have been previously in the U.N.'s 47-year history. "Because of peacekeeping's growing importance as a mission for the United States military, we will emphasize training of combat, engineering and logistical units for the full range of peacekeeping and humanitarian activities," he said. (Gene Gibbons, Reuter)

Bush Calls On U.N. For Greater Peacekeeping Role

U.N. -- President Bush called on the U.N. to assume a greater role in worldwide peacekeeping efforts and promised an election-year overhaul of the U.S. foreign aid program...

Bush's New York appearance contrasted sharply with his previous annual remarks before the U.N., where he commonly outlined guiding principles for a "new world order." Absent also from the President's truncated visit were the deluge of one-on-one meetings with foreign leaders that have customarily filled his schedule.

With the election just six weeks away, his remarks seemed directed as much at the American people as to world leaders.

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(J.T. Nguyen, UPI)

**PRESIDENT TO 'OVERHAUL' FOREIGN-AFFAIRS AGENCIES
New Priorities After Cold War**

NEW YORK -- President Bush Monday took the first major step toward overhauling a foreign affairs bureaucracy that remains largely unchanged despite the worldwide revolution of the last three years.

The most dramatic step outlined in his speech to the U.N. General Assembly was an announcement that the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) will be "fundamentally and radically overhauled."

Calling AID an "institution born during the Cold War," the President said its more than \$7 billion in aid programs need a new focus and its bureaucracy -- described as virtually untamable by many who have studied the agency -- drastic thinning.

Bush said he will seek major changes at another child of the Cold War, the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Taken together, his announcements appear to represent a realization that not only will U.S. foreign-policy-priorities have to change, but so will the agencies that carry them out.

(Warren Strobel, Washington Times, A1)

BUSH BLAMES ECONOMY ON DEMOCRATS, TV NEWS

NEW YORK -- President Bush Monday insisted the U.S. economy was better than most Americans believe and blamed the slow recovery on the one-sided TV news coverage and politically driven Democrats.

Bush, during an appearance on a nationally syndicated radio talk show, acknowledged he had made some mistakes as president but claimed the economy would be better if it had been portrayed in a better light by the media.

"The irony is, I think a lot of people think we're in a deep recession in this country," Bush told his talk show host Rush Limbaugh. "The irony is we are growing, and we've grown for five quarters."

Acknowledging that many Americans have been disappointed with his performance in the White House, Bush replied: "I know there's a let down feeling about me and I think it mainly stems from the sluggish almost anemic economy."

He then blamed TV news reporting on the economy for the negative public feelings.

"I think they're feeling negative about the economy because they hear 92% of the coverage of the television -- where a lot of people get their news from on the economy -- has been negative."

(Laurence McQuillan, Reuter)

NATIONAL NEWS

CLINTON'S LEAD APPEARS SOLID, MAY BE GROWING Post-ABC Poll Shows Margin Of 21 Points

With just six weeks remaining in the presidential campaign, a series of national and state polls shows that Bill Clinton has solidified or even widened his already substantial lead over President Bush.

The latest Washington Post/ABC News poll gives Clinton his largest lead since before the Republican convention, with Clinton topping Bush by 58% to 37% among likely voters.

The poll found Bush winning about three in four Republican votes, far below the normal 90% support Republican presidential candidates usually command, while Clinton is winning about one in four Republicans. GOP officials attributed this to defections among Republican women.

(Dan Balz and Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A1)

ORANGE COUNTY VOTERS SPLIT BETWEEN BUSH, CLINTON, POLL SHOWS

SANTA ANA -- Orange Country voters who helped deliver California to President Bush in 1988 now say they are as likely to vote for Bill Clinton as Bush, the Orange Country Register poll shows.

Bush polled 40.9% and Clinton 40.6% in a survey with a 4.5% margin of error.

Those results wipe out a 10-point lead Bush enjoyed in the county following last month's convention.

"This is a continued sign of the dissatisfaction in and the failure of George Bush to produce an economic plan that's good for California," Clinton Californian campaign spokesman, Jay Ziegler, said.

(Jean Pasco and Gary Warner, Orange Country Register)

MANY IN ELECTORATE REMAIN UNDECIDED

Voters still are worried about the economy, and many say public officials don't care what they think, but the mood about the presidential campaign has improved.

The latest USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll finds that 66% of Republicans and 68% of Democrats see a good candidate. Half of independents agree.

Yet, while voter mood may be improving, 27% say they've given little or no thought to the campaign so far.

The poll suggests the campaign will be played out in a gloomy economic environment. More than half rate the economy as poor. Eight of 10 say we're still in a recession, not much improvement in attitude since the first of the year, despite Bush's efforts to be upbeat.

It also finds more voters feeling alienated from their public officials than in any presidential year since 1952, an ominous sign for incumbents seeking reelection.

(Richard Benedetto, USA Today, 4A)

GOOD NEWS AND MORE NEWS FOR BUSH: HE SURGES ON TV

George Bush's stock may still be low in the polls. But in the secondary market of TV, it is more than holding its own.

For the last few weeks, President Bush has succeeded in dominating the news with far more regularity than his opponent, Bill Clinton. Since the Republican convention, not only has the President received substantially more TV coverage than Clinton, but the tone of his coverage has improved, while the tone of Clinton's has declined.

Analysts [Center for Media and Public Affairs] attribute Bush's new air strength to a more aggressive campaign that has put the power of incumbency to good use. At the same time, though, they say, Clinton has helped Bush to command the cameras by adopting a play-it-safe media strategy.

(Elizabeth Kolbert, New York Times, A1)

IN GREAT LAKES STATE, YEARS OF DECLINE HURT BUSH'S CHANCES

LIVONIA, Mich. -- Dianne Malega was doing a bit of shopping at the mall here the other night when the talk turned to politics. She was emphatic. "I'm not voting for Bush," she said. "My husband's been out of work for four years."

Malega, a Bush supporter in 1988, knows firsthand the effects of a decade of economic decline in Michigan that now threatens Bush's reelection....

This year there are signs that the Reagan Democrats are coming home to Bill Clinton and Republican voters are thinking of defecting.

"It's going to be very close," said Gov. Engler, sounding less than totally confident of his prediction that Bush eventually will win here. "I don't sit here sanguine and say things are in the bag. We've got to work..."

[Regarding the debate passed up by the Bush campaign]: "They do not want to have Bush debating Clinton on the economy in Michigan," said former governor James Blanchard.

Bush campaign officials scoff at Blanchard's assertion, arguing that voters prefer Bush's economic package to Clinton's. But one senior adviser to the President acknowledged that as of now, the President "has no credibility" on the "fundamental hurdle" of convincing voters he will do what he says.

(Dan Balz, Washington Post, A9)

DANCES WITH WORDS: NO DEBATE, LOTS OF POSTURING

On a day that might have seen the first presidential debate of 1992, candidates George Bush and Bill Clinton are shadow boxing instead.

To dramatize his willingness to engage the President, Clinton will be in East Lansing Tuesday where a bipartisan commission on presidential debates had scheduled the first of three confrontations.

Bush is jetting through six states Tuesday. But he's sending Rich Bond to East Lansing to show a video of Clinton debating himself, giving what the campaign calls conflicting answers on issues.

And that leaves the whens, wheres and ifs of a presidential debate still up in the air.

(Leslie Phillips, USA Today, 4A)

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VETS GROUP CALLS FOR POLITICIANS TO LAY OFF THE VIETNAM WAR

SAN FRANCISCO -- Nobody in America escaped the Vietnam War. Nobody.

So begins a full-page ad, organized by a group of mostly San Francisco Bay area-based Vietnam veterans, war protesters and journalists who say it's time for politicians to stop making military service in Vietnam a litmus test of fitness for public office. The ad is set to appear Tuesday in California editions of the New York Times. "The idea that people are trying to take personal decisions about Vietnam as if they were the same as those made in WWII -- it's just infuriating to lots of us," said John Kecker, who organized the ad with Jerry Lubenow, a former San Francisco bureau chief for Newsweek. "I find it dishonest."

(Miranda Ewell, Knight-Ridder)

**CLINTON PRESSES BUSH TO AGREE ON DEBATES
Democrat Endorsed By 400 Executives**

CHICAGO -- Bill Clinton made sure Monday that President Bush -- even if he was addressing the U.N. or bashing Clinton on the draft -- did not escape the charge that he will not play by the rules and debate.

Clinton again called on Bush to negotiate with the Commission on Presidential Debates to reach a mutually acceptable arrangement and strongly suggested he will accept any agreement the commission approves. And, as if to remind the President how precarious this election is for him, Clinton made his remarks on a day he was endorsed by 400 business executives. Referring to his plans to appear Tuesday at Michigan State University, where the first proposed debate was scheduled that day, Clinton told WLS-TV here: "We could have a debate tomorrow in East Lansing as far as I'm concerned...but I'm not the problem here. All (Bush) has to do is engage the presidential debate commission and come up with whatever they'll accept and he'll accept. I think we ought to debate."

Clinton's TV interviews followed an appearance he made here with about 100 chief executive officers, a third of whom said they supported Bush four years ago. Representatives of the business executives praised Clinton's economic plan and said they had lost faith in Bush's ability to revive the economy.

(Edward Walsh, Washington Post, A10)

CLINTON PICKS UP ENDORSEMENTS OF BUSINESS LEADERS

CHICAGO -- Gov. Clinton, seeking credibility for his economic plan, Monday picked up the endorsement of a group of 400 business leaders from across the country who said they had lost patience with the economic policies of the current Republican Administration. "The agenda which they have presented to us -- the voters -- is less reasoned, less defensible and less in the mainstream of America than it has ever been before," said John Bryan, chairman of the board and CEO of Sara Lee Corp, who said he supported Bush in 1988. "My patience is worn thin," he said of Bush's handling of the economy. Bryan's comments came during a press conference in which Clinton was flanked by members of a group calling itself "Business Leaders For Change" and "Business Leaders for Clinton/Gore."

(Marcus Stern, Copley)

Clinton Gets Boost From Big Business, Spars With Bush

CHICAGO -- Bill Clinton got a boost from big business Monday and rejected Republican criticism that he is trying to exploit hard times in America to propel himself into the White House.

In a series of TV interviews for local stations in Chicago and the Michigan cities of Detroit, Grand Rapids and Flint, Clinton brushed aside Republican complaints that his tactic of stressing negative aspects of the economy was destructive.

"What did Ronald Reagan and George Bush do in 1980 when they asked: 'Are you better off than you were four years ago?' Can I be exploiting the misery of the people by responding to the economic problems created by this Administration's policies?" he said.

Clinton refused to knuckle under to pressure from Bush to agree on a debate format that would have questions from a panel of journalists instead of Clinton's preference of a single moderator.

He said he was trying to avoid the "quick one-liner and the clever hit," which he said benefited Bush in 1988 against Mike Dukakis and Sen. Bentsen against Dan Quayle.

(Steve Holland, Reuter)

CLINTON SUPPORTS CABLE BILL, BUT WILL LET GORE LEAD THE ATTACK

Bill Clinton supports the cable re-regulation bill expected to pass the Senate Tuesday but his campaign plans to let Al Gore put the heat on President Bush to sign the bill.

To highlight the issue, Gore is planning to make a campaign stop Thursday in Morganton, N.C., a town where there has been a bitter fight over cable rate increases.

(James Brosnan, Scripps Howard)

SOLD DOWN THE RIVER?**Gore Not So Green, Say Some At Home**

Al Gore sold out the interests of a rural Tennessee county concerned about river pollution to pursue his presidential ambitions in 1988, according to environmentalists and residents there. "We simply cannot get any help from Al Gore," said Gay Webb, a hardware store owner in Newport, Tenn., who has been active in efforts to clean up the Pigeon River. "Some of the worst pollution anywhere is in his home state in Cocke County, Tennessee." Gore's name has surfaced in a multimillion dollar lawsuit brought by a group of landowners on the Pigeon River who are suing Champion International Corp., a large paper company in western North Carolina. The landowners alleged that the environmental violations by the company in North Carolina reduced their property values across the border in East Tennessee. Gore wrote a letter to the EPA on Nov. 10, 1987, asking it to consider a Champion proposal concerning discharge into the Pigeon River that was less stringent than the agency's guideline. "This offer is, in my view, highly significant, as it is better than any previous offer from the company," Gore wrote. "It is my hope that all parties involved...will sit down and get serious about solving this problem, cleaning up the river, and ensuring that not one job at the mill is lost." Tennessee environmentalists said they believe Gore had been influenced by Champion to...support the company's plan.

(Michael Hedges, Washington Times, A1)

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**VICE PRESIDENT SPEAKS IN LEXINGTON,
WESTERN KENTUCKY ABOUT HEALTH CARE**

LEXINGTON -- Vice President Quayle predicted Monday that the federal government would make sharp changes in the nation's health care system after the November election.

"No matter who wins,...the health care system is going to be reformed," Quayle said during a speech to the National Home Builders Association in Lexington.

Quayle said spiraling medical costs had forced the federal government to tackle the problem. "If Congress doesn't do anything, by the year 2000 the average family will be spending \$12,000 a year for health insurance.

"The question is, are we going to reform it their way, or are we going to reform it our way?" Quayle said.

Quayle spent more time attacking the health care proposal of Bill Clinton. Quayle contended that Clinton's plan would mean huge tax increases for employers and requiring rationing of some types of health care. (Bob Geiger, Knight-Ridder)

**'HOLLYWOOD STILL DOESN'T GET IT,' SAYS QUAYLE
Vice President Watches 'Murphy' With Browns**

Still trying to turn a public relations problem to his advantage, Vice President Quayle Monday did what no other vice president has probably ever done: He wrote a letter to a fictional TV character.

Quayle, who helped create a wave of publicity with his criticism of "Murphy Brown," wrote to "Baby Brown," the newborn son of the Murphy Brown, and promised that he and President Bush would provide opportunities to all children -- "no matter what their family situation."

Monday night, the Vice President and his wife watched the TV show at the Adams-Morgan apartment of family friend Zora Brown, who also invited several black professionals and real-life single parents. (Richard Tapscott, Washington Post, A10)

QUAYLE OFFERS GIFT, REASSURING WORDS FOR SINGLE MOMS

Vice President Quayle watched himself get hammered Monday night on "Murphy Brown" and insisted that when it comes to his criticism of the program, "Hollywood still doesn't get it."

Quayle thanked "the American people for standing with me as I stood up to Hollywood" when he criticized the program last spring for glamorizing the life of a woman who gives birth to a child out of wedlock.

Quayle and his wife watched the show at a friend's condo with a dozen black professionals and others, including several single parents.

"I never criticized single mothers," said Quayle on the street afterwards as several dozen demonstrators shouted "Four more months!" (Christopher Connell, AP)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Murphy Brown's Quayle Shoot," regarding Monday night's TV episode mentioning Vice President Quayle, by Tom Shales, appears in the Washington Post, page B1.

DEMS' FUND-RAISING OUTSTRIPS THE GOP

The other campaign -- the race to raise money -- found Republicans falling far behind Democrats last month. Reports filed Monday with the Federal Election Commission show the Democrats put their money machine into high gear in August, raising more than twice as much as the Republicans -- \$17.3 million to \$7.4 million. ("Election '92," USA Today, 4A)

CAMPAIGN ADS ON CBS

President Bush's campaign Monday denied that it is avoiding CBS in buying air time for its TV ads. In response to an article in Newsday on Saturday that said the campaign appeared to be boycotting prime time shows on CBS, the network that airs "Murphy Brown," Bush media-buying officials said it is CBS' fault that the campaign's ads have been sparse on the network. "We are not trying to ignore CBS whatsoever," said Jack Irvins, an executive with head firm Saatchi & Saatchi who is heading the campaign's media buying. "CBS has not had availabilities in prime time in the last two weeks." Ann Morfosen, a spokeswoman for CBS, said the network offered the campaign time during several shows, but Bush media buyers did not call back with a decision quickly enough to lock the time. (Harry Berkowitz, Newsday)

GAY COALITION URGES CONSTITUENCY TO VOTE

A nonpartisan coalition of leading homosexual-rights groups announced efforts Monday to get gay men and women to the polls in November. The effort "is our response to the attempts by the fundamentalist fascists and immoral minority to make us the Willie Horton of this election," said Tim McCarthy, coordinator of the Come Out Voting Coalition. (AP, Washington Times, A4)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "White House Race Begins In The Dirt," regarding presidential and vice presidential candidates showing up at car races, by Jim Myers, appears in USA Today, page 1C.

BUSH ATTEMPT

A Denver woman was arrested and charged with attempting to kill and threatening to kill President Bush last Tuesday while he campaigned in Denver. No shots were fired by Deborah Butler, but she told officials she held a .32-caliber revolver in her sweater pocket as Bush's motorcade passed, the FBI said. Butler later checked herself into a Denver hospital and told an official she wanted to shoot Bush to get attention, the FBI said. ("Nationline," USA Today, 3A)

HEROIN USE INCREASES WITH SUPPLY

BOSTON -- Heroin use, stagnant for years as users turned to cocaine, is increasing again as the drug enters the country in greater quantities and reaches the streets at lower prices and more lethal levels than ever, experts said in a study of heroin use for the federal Office of National Drug Control Policy.

(AP, Washington Post, A5)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

EUROPEANS ARE COOL TO BUSH'S MONETARY PLAN Domestic Politics Said To Play A Role In Proposal

European economic leaders Monday poured cold water on President Bush's suggestion that currency coordination be tied more closely to the prices of commodities, including gold.

Bush Administration sources acknowledged privately that the suggestion the President made Sunday at a White House reception for European economic leaders had as much to do with Republican politics and Administration rivalries as with European monetary policy. Helmut Schlesinger, head of the German central bank, Monday brushed off the idea, saying, "There are many disadvantages to such a currency construction, and I won't be pushing for it in my short term in office." He is scheduled to retire in a year.

(Steven Mufson, Washington Post, D1)

IMF URGES LOWER GERMAN INTEREST RATES Fed Advised To Resist Pressure For Reductions

The IMF, supporting the position of the Bush Administration, Monday urged Germany to lower its interest rates to boost the sluggish economies of the world's industrialized nations.

But the IMF...also recommended that the Fed hold firm against pressure from the Administration to lower interest rates here, and it suggested that the U.S. should raise interest rates once its economic recovery gains momentum. "Do not make the gap (between U.S. and German interest rates) worse. Interest rates in Germany are too high and interests rates in the U.S. are too low," Spanish finance minister Carlos Solchaga, chairman of the IMF's policy-making Interim Committee, told a press conference Monday.

(Stuart Auerbach, Washington Post, D3)

INDIA TO INVESTIGATE CHEMICAL SHIPMENT

The Indian government has promised to investigate a Bombay company whose delivery to Syria of chemicals used in making poison gas was blocked after the U.S. intervened, officials said Monday.

The Indian foreign ministry, responding Monday to news reports about the issue, said it would investigate and possibly prosecute the chemical company for violating export laws.

(Jackson Diehl, Washington Post, A17)

EAGLEBURGER SAYS U.S. CONCERNED ABOUT CHEMICAL SALES BY INDIA

NEW YORK -- The U.S. is concerned about India's sales to Middle East countries of chemicals needed to make poison gas and has discussed the matter with relevant officials, Lawrence Eagleburger said Monday. Eagleburger was asked about a New York Times report that the U.S. had protested to India over the chemical sales and had intervened to stop the shipment in July of the chemical trimethyl phosphite from India to Syria. "That's a matter I'd rather not discuss at this point other than to say that it is an issue of concern to us and we have been discussing it with the appropriate authorities," he said at the start of a meeting at the Waldorf with the foreign minister of Argentina.

(Reuters)

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U.S., ISRAEL NEGOTIATING CLOSER MILITARY TIES

The U.S. and Israel are discussing a major military cooperation package to compensate Israel for the planned sale of 72 U.S. jet fighters to Saudi Arabia, a senior Administration official said Monday.

The package could include stockpiling U.S. air-to-air missiles in Israel and providing the Israelis with sophisticated early-warning radars and other arms, according to the anonymous official.

"We (Americans and Israelis) are looking at four of five different categories of things," the Administration official told Reuters. "It basically comes back to the proposition of our wanting to maintain their qualitative edge and help them address their most serious security concerns." (Charles Aldinger, Reuter)

RABIN SAYS TALKS DEADLOCK COULD THREATEN WAR

JERUSALEM -- Prime minister Rabin said that any deadlock in Arab-Israeli peace talks could threaten war in the Middle East.

Rabin, in a speech to a workers' council near Tel Aviv Monday night, said that Israel was at a crossroads and declared, "If we reach a standstill, a standstill sooner or later could lead to...the dangers of war." (Reuter)

1989 MEMO TO BAKER LISTED ABUSES BY IRAQ BUT URGED CONCILIATION

Only a few weeks after the Bush Administration took office in early 1989, Secretary Baker was presented with a report stating that Iraq was harboring Palestinian terrorists, continuing its chemical and biological weapons buildup and reviving its border dispute with Kuwait, according to a newly declassified State Department document made public Monday.

But the memo, which came six weeks before President Bush issued a formal order to forge closer ties with Saddam Hussein, also urged Baker to take a conciliatory stance in his first meeting with a senior Iraqi official a short time later.

The March 24, 1989, report was drafted for Baker by his senior Middle East adviser in preparation for a meeting in Washington with Nizar Hamdoon, Iraq's Deputy Foreign Minister. He was described in the memo as "a unique channel to Iraq's president." It is the earliest articulation by a senior official that has come to light of the Bush Administration's willingness to smooth over obstacles and problems to improve relations with Baghdad.

(Elaine Sciolino, New York Times, A15)

STRAUSS: D.C. BOUND

...Robert Strauss told reporters in Moscow Monday that he plans to return to his law practice in Washington by year's end.

"I think probably I can do more good...for the Russians in my office in Washington," he said.

("The Reliable Source," Washington Post, B3)

Ambassador To Quit

MOSCOW -- Robert Strauss said Monday that he will leave his post before the end of the year.

He also said questions about the 1983 destruction of a Korean Air Lines jet soon will be resolved "to the satisfaction of the U.S. government."

Strauss, who met with President Yeltsin Monday, would not say what new information the Russian president might provide about the downed jetliner, but the ambassador told reporters: "We had a very productive discussion, a very satisfactory discussion."

"And my personal view is that within the foreseeable future, that issue will be resolved to the satisfaction of the U.S. government." (Gerald Nadler, Washington Times, A1)

ENVOY WANTS RUSSIA TO STATE NO U.S. POWS STILL CAPTIVE

MOSCOW -- The American co-chairman of a joint POW commission urged Russia Monday to flatly declare it no longer is holding American servicemen and warned that U.S. patience is running out.

Malcolm Toon said he had no evidence that American POWs were alive in the Soviet Union. And he acknowledged that an aide to his Russian co-chairman, Gen. Volkogonov, said recently that Russia had no live American POWs. But that statement, he said, "wasn't sufficiently specific."

"Above all, I want a clearer statement from the Russian government that there is no live American POW held in detention in Russian facilities," Toon told reporters. He did not specify what was wrong with the aide's statement, but he apparently wants something unequivocal from the highest levels.

(AP, Washington Times, A9)

NIXON KNEW OF POWs, AIDES SAY

President Nixon decided in 1973 to complete the U.S. military withdrawal from Vietnam despite strong indications that some U.S. prisoners of war had not been returned, senior officials of his administration testified Monday. "The president decided not to scuttle the (Paris) agreement (with North Vietnam) over the MIA issue," said Winston Lord, then a senior aide to Henry Kissinger. "It was a very tough decision." Lord said that "American society would have blown apart" if Nixon had stopped troop withdrawals or resumed bombing over the "very disturbing evidence...of discrepancies" in the prisoner lists.

(Thomas Lippman, Washington Post, A1)

U.S. TEAMS COMPLETE MIA SEARCH IN VIETNAM

HANOI -- U.S. experts who have scoured Vietnam since August have found some information about American servicemen missing from the Vietnam War, an official Hanoi newspaper said Tuesday.

U.S. teams finished a month-long joint search with Vietnamese officials in nine central and southern provinces on Set. 18, the Vietnam News daily said. The newspaper gave no details about the information they found, but Vietnamese officials said earlier that all the evidence recovered from plane crash sites or produced by interviews with villagers either proved or indicated that the servicemen died in the war.

(Reuter)

EAGLEBURGER CANNOT PREDICT RESUMPTION OF U.S. AID TO NICARAGUA

NEW YORK -- Lawrence Eagleburger said Monday he could not predict when Nicaragua will again receive U.S. aid despite a strong plea for the assistance from President Chamorro and a warning that the aid delay could destabilize her country.

Answering questions as he and Chamorro posed for photographers before talks at the Waldorf, Eagleburger said they would discuss aid, but he insisted the issue of resuming assistance "is not an issue that is totally in the hands of the Administration to solve."

"It will require further consultations with Congress and I can't give you any predictions," he added. He did not elaborate.
(Reuters)

SENATE REJECTS A \$1 BILLION CUT FOR U.S. INTELLIGENCE

The Senate refused Monday to cut \$1 billion from the U.S. spy budget -- rejecting a daring effort to delve into areas that have always been out of bounds for public consideration.

Sen. Bumpers proposed a \$1 billion cut in spending for intelligence in fiscal 1993. He was defeated 57-35. (UPI)

SUDAN BELIEVED TO HAVE EXECUTED U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE

The Sudanese government is believed to have executed a U.S. government employee on charges of treason despite strong U.S. objections, the State Department said Monday.

Press officer Joe Snyder said the U.S. has expressed grave concern to the Sudanese government over the incident.

Andrew Tombe was the senior Sudanese employee of the Agency for International Development in the southern city of Juba.

"Based on our knowledge of Mr. Tombe, we do not think he was guilty of these charges," Snyder said.

"Given the continuing allegations about human rights abuse in Sudan, particularly in Juba, and the government's delay in responding to our repeated requests for information about Mr. Tombe, we are viewing this incident with the gravest concern," Snyder said.

Snyder said the Administration is strongly reiterating its request for the Sudanese government to allow U.S. staff to visit Juba to investigate the events leading to Mr. Tombe's execution and to check on the well-being of the other Sudanese employees.

(George Gedda, AP)

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NETWORK NEWS

(Monday evening, Sept. 21)

CAMPAIGN/CLINTON DRAFT RECORD

ABC's Peter Jennings: We begin this evening with attack politics. For weeks now, the Bush campaign has been trying to use the draft issue to undermine Gov. Clinton's credibility and call into question his trustworthiness. But President Bush himself had not been involved. And then today, the President, who was here to speak to the United Nations, went on a syndicated radio program and used some very strong language himself.

ABC's Brit Hume: The President was in the midst of an interview on the popular Rush Limbaugh radio show when his host asked him about Clinton and the draft, a subject his campaign has aggressively promoted but which the President himself had declined to discuss directly until now.

(TV coverage: President Bush speaking with Limbaugh.)

(President Bush: "I think the difficulty, the fundamental difficulty, is that he has not told the whole truth -- the whole truth, nothing but the truth. And I think there again, the American people are entitled to an explanation.")

The President accused Clinton of "a total failure" to come clean on the issue, and said he and Clinton have "a different concept" of military and public service.

(President Bush: "And I think that Gov. Clinton ought to level with what happened on this and then elaborate on the letter that he wrote where he condemned the whole military as immoral. And I believe that the commander-in-chief should not have a mindset to say the military is immoral.")

The White House said the President was talking about this Clinton letter, written to the head of the University of Arkansas ROTC program 23 years ago. But it did not say the whole military is immoral, only that the military draft for Vietnam was "illegitimate." It did go on to speak sympathetically of people who "love their country, but loathe the military," but Clinton never actually said he felt that way. The White House refused to retract the President's statement, insisting that the tone of the Clinton letter supported what Mr. Bush said. There was no indication the remarks were a piece of planned campaign strategy. Said one senior aide: The plan today was to keep the focus on the U.N. and off of "Murphy Brown." Well, they got the focus off of "Murphy Brown" all right, at least until later tonight.

(ABC-Lead)

Jennings: Gov. Clinton wanted to concentrate today, as he does almost everyday, on the economy. And he managed for the most part, but the President set a different agenda. And as often happens in the battles of the media coverage, that's the one that prevailed today.

ABC's Chris Bury reports Clinton responded by accusing Bush of flip-flopping because he is behind in the polls.

(TV coverage: Clinton standing at lectern.)

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Bury continues:

(Clinton: "The only reaction I have is that you ought to go back and see what Mr. Bush said about this issue in February in New Hampshire, when he was ahead in the polls. And he said it shouldn't be an issue.")

What the President told the Boston Globe back then was that attacks on Clinton for both his draft record and rumors of an extra-marital affair had been, "in some instances, quite unfair." Bush did say it is "too much attention to outside issues."

(Clinton: "Admiral Crowe has more credibility on truth-telling than George Bush." [Applause])

Clinton was referring to his weekend endorsement by Crowe, who called Clinton's draft record a peripheral issue.

(Crowe: "Let me tell you, one of the things about being my age is that you discover you want to be judged on your life, not on when you were 23 years old.")

(TV coverage: Clinton with Crowe; greeting supporters.)

Clinton has changed his approach. Now, he apologizes -- not for avoiding the draft, but for mishandling questions about it.

(Clinton: "I answered some of these questions on the run, without the benefit of any kind of records or being certain what the facts were. After 23 years, you forget some things, and that happened to me. And I'm sorry that happened, but the basic facts are still clear.")

The Clinton campaign feels little pressure to say anymore than that. They believe most voters don't care. (ABC-2)

ABC's Jim Wooten reports that in February, Clinton said he never served because he was never called.

(Clinton, Feb. 6: "The facts are that I had a lock-cinch four-year deferment. I gave it up after less than two months because I didn't think it was right. I went back into the draft, then this lottery came along. I got a high number and I wasn't called.")

What Clinton didn't say was that he arranged his deferment after getting an induction notice. When that draft notice was unearthed, he said --

(Clinton, April 6: "I would gladly have told you this if it had even occurred to me that this was relevant to the story.")

But he had been given a chance to say that in February. Instead, he said merely that he thought he'd probably be drafted.

(Clinton, Feb. 10: "That's why I was home, trying to figure out what else I was going to do. I just -- you know, they didn't say you will be called on this date.")

He also said his ROTC deferment was routine. But he's had to acknowledge that he asked for advice on alternatives to the draft from the office of William Fulbright. A more complicated and sometimes contradictory version has emerged recently, leaving the impression, at least with some voters, that he may have been less than candid on this issue.

(TV coverage: Clinton disembarking plane; speaking to American Legion.)

Even a much-publicized speech to the American Legion failed to put the issue to rest. And although the Clinton campaign insists it doesn't matter to most voters, they concede it is the most important of the so-called character issues the Bush-Quayle campaign is pressing. (ABC-3)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Bill Clinton's efforts to avoid service in Vietnam came under fire directly today from President Bush. And this is the first time the President personally has gotten involved in this issue.

NBC's John Cochran: Bush came to New York to address the United Nations. This was a high-minded call for nations to cooperate in peacekeeping operations.

(TV coverage: President Bush speaking at U.N.)

But the tone changed when Bush moved crosstown for a radio interview with a sympathetic host, conservative Rush Limbaugh. Bush said Clinton has not been truthful about his long-ago draft situation.

(**President Bush:** "The American people are entitled to an explanation. And I have a very different concept of public service. I have a different concept of military service. I'm sure I would never call the military immoral.")

Clinton never called the military immoral either, but Bush nevertheless insisted that Clinton should --

(**President Bush:** " -- elaborate on the letter he wrote where he condemned the whole military as immoral.")

Bush's aides later admitted that was wrong, but still refused to apologize because, they said, the whole tone of Clinton's now-famous letter to an ROTC colonel in 1969 was anti-military, such as his statement about many fine people loving their country but loathing the military. Clinton never said he loathed the military. As for telling the truth, Clinton replied today --

(**Clinton:** "Admiral Crowe has more credibility on truth-telling than George Bush." [Applause])

That admiral, of course, is the former chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff who endorsed Clinton on Saturday. Only last week, Bush at a National Guard convention refused to use the draft issue openly against Clinton.

(TV coverage: President Bush speaking at National Guard convention.)

(**President Bush:** "I didn't come here to attack him.")

Republican sources tell NBC News that some of Bush's aides, including chief of staff Jim Baker, were ready for Bush to go on the attack last week, but Bush said no.

(TV coverage: President Bush in meeting in Cabinet Room; speaking to Limbaugh.)

The President apparently changed his mind today because some polls last week showed Clinton is vulnerable on the draft issue. And with the economy a losing issue for Bush, the President wants to change the subject.

(NBC-2)

CBS's Dan Rather reports Bush again hammered away at Clinton's draft record. Clinton fired back that the Bush-Quayle team not only is trying to duck a debate, they are also trying to duck what he called the real issue in the campaign -- the economy. (CBS-3)

CAMPAIGN/POLL

Jennings reports the latest ABC News-Washington Post Poll shows only 16 percent said the draft issue is important, while 82 percent said it wasn't. Overall, Clinton was ahead with 58 percent to Bush's 37 percent. Clinton's lead increased six points since last week.

(ABC-4)

CAMPAIGN/U.N. SPEECH

Jennings reports that when President Bush spoke to the General Assembly today, he said the U.S. would start making its military bases available for the training of U.N. peacekeeping troops. He would not commit to providing American troops for actual peacekeeping operations.

(TV coverage: President Bush taking podium at U.N.) (ABC-9)

CAMPAIGN/FAMILY VALUES

Rather: One issue the Bush-Quayle campaign does seem to be backing away from now is the family-values issue. For instance, the Vice President's new approach to the "Murphy Brown" controversy.

CBS's Susan Spencer: Knowing that "Murphy Brown" is about to let fly, Vice President Quayle seemed delighted today to chance into a single mother who actually liked him.

(Quayle, speaking to single mother: "That's how Hollywood is. They sit there and they take what you say and misinterpret [inaudible].")

While insisting he never blasted single moms, the Vice President seems to wish he'd never heard of "Murphy Brown."

(Quayle: "They tell me that I should never have brought this issue up in the first place. Well, I think it's important to talk about traditional values.")

But many Republicans now acknowledge: not in ways that divide or alienate moderate voters, as did some of the speeches at last month's convention, where values were front and center, for Pat Buchanan a religious war.

(TV coverage: Bushes and Quayles waving to cheering convention crowd.)

A few days later, Mr. Bush seemed to wonder which side The Almighty was on.

(President Bush, Aug. 22: "I was struck by the fact the other party took words to put together their platform, but left out three simple letters, G-O-D.")

(TV coverage: President Bush greeting crowd.)

On the campaign trail now, no more of that. Republicans tie values to hard-headed economic ideas. The pollsters say it may be a little late.

(Geoffrey Garin, Democratic pollster: "The Republicans have turned off working women in droves. As we look at the polls today, working women are voting Democratic in the same ways the labor unions used to vote Democratic 20 years ago. The Republicans have said to working women: We're out of touch with you, we don't represent you. And that's how working women are hearing that message.")

So understandably, the Vice President has been trying to neutralize the impact of tonight's expected lampooning by doing things that might otherwise seem quite silly. He sent the imaginary Baby Brown a present -- a stuffed elephant -- and a hand-written note saying, "It is important to me that you know the respect and personal understanding I have for single mothers."

Spencer continues:

(Linda DiVall, Republican consultant: "You have to be very careful on this issue of family values, because the fact of the matter is, only 20 percent of all couples fit the traditional definition of father, mother at home and two children. That means that if you're not careful, you're excluding a whole host of other people.") Excluding voters is not what this ticket needs. So tonight, Mr. Quayle will again try to laugh off his critics by watching "Murphy Brown" with a group of single mothers. (CBS-4)

CAMPAIGN/BUSH AD

Jennings reports the Bush campaign ran an ad in USA Today, in which more than 100 economists endorsed the statement that Clinton's economic strategy would hurt the economy. (ABC-6)

CAMPAIGN/CLINTON

Jennings reports Clinton today collected the endorsement of more than 400 CEOs. Many of the businessmen were Bush supporters the last time around.

(TV coverage: Clinton accepting endorsement.) (ABC-5, NBC-3)

CBS's Richard Threlkeld reports that even some of Clinton's fans admit the best you can say about his campaign sermons these days is, "Tastes great, less filling."

(Clinton: "We believe that you can be pro-business and pro-farmer and pro-labor..." "We want Republicans, we want independents, we want people who were for Ross Perot, we want everybody..." "And yes, we do believe you can be pro-family and pro-choice." [Applause])

Clinton seems determined to try to please all of the people all of the time. But what's now missing from his message is what Bush used to call the vision thing -- a sense of larger purpose.

(Joe Klein, Newsweek: "Clinton himself has said that this is a big election. Well, if it's a big election, let's talk big things instead of just here a half-dozen programs I'm going to do for you and sit back and enjoy it.")

(David Wilhelm, Clinton media specialist: "We've got to stay on our message. We have to stay and be aggressive and stay on the attack.")

Wilhelm and other advisers insist Clinton is talking about the biggest thing of all, the economy. And they plan to try to keep him on message.

(Wilhelm: "When we get up there and talk about the economic plan day after day after day, that may cause some reporters' eyes to glaze over. But it is what people want. They want detailed answers to the problems that they face.")

Longtime Clinton watchers now search mostly in vain for that Clinton of the primary season, who preached shared sacrifice and mutual responsibility.

(TV coverage: Clinton speaking, greeting crowd.)

Clinton's dogged determination to stay on message has helped keep him ahead of the President in the polls. But it has not especially endeared him to the voters. Even now, only one in three has a favorable opinion of Clinton, just about the same number who still like Bush.

(CBS-5)

CAMPAIGN/BLACK VOTERS

NBC's Andrea Mitchell reports that in a close election, black voters could make the difference between victory and defeat for Clinton. But many blacks feel the Democrats have been taking them for granted this year.

(TV coverage: Clinton speaking to cheering crowds in Michigan and Illinois; raising hands with Jesse Jackson.)

Like Republican candidates before him, Bush has ignored the black vote. For instance, on July 4, he campaigned in a North Carolina Klan stronghold. He spent years resisting a stronger civil-rights bill and a compromise he eventually signed.

(TV coverage: President Bush at picnic in Faith, N.C.; signing civil-rights bill.)

So black voters this year are expected to vote Democratic as usual, unless they feel so neglected they don't bother to vote. (NBC-4)

BUDGET DEFICIT

Rather gives CBS News' weekly update on the debt. The U.S. now owes nearly \$4.26 trillion, nearly \$482 million more than last week. Each individual now owes \$16,143. (CBS-9)

POW-MIA/SCHLESINGER

Brokaw: It's been one of the Vietnam wounds that refuse to heal: Were American prisoners left behind when the war ended? Today, striking statements from two former defense secretaries from the Nixon Administration. James Schlesinger and Melvin Laird told Congress American prisoners were abandoned.

NBC's Odetta Rogers reports that at today's Senate hearing, Schlesinger and Laird said some servicemen were left behind.

(Schlesinger: "I have a high-probability assessment that people were left behind in Laos and medium-probability assessment with regard to Vietnam.")

Schlesinger said the war's unpopularity at home made it tough for the U.S. to use military threats to get North Vietnam to free the Americans there.

(Sen. Kerry: "What do you think about the prospects, based on the intelligence reviewed and people you've talked to, that someone would be alive and held by a government in one of those countries today?")

Schlesinger: "I believe that they would be -- those prospects would be very slim, Mr. Chairman, as of now.")

Some committee members say Nixon may have made the 1973 announcement that no POWs remained to shift attention away from Watergate. That's an issue Henry Kissinger will face when he testifies tomorrow. (CBS-Lead, ABC-7, NBC-Lead)

Jennings reports former Amb. Malcolm Toon is in Moscow to try to determine whether any Americans from WWII or the Korean War are still alive in the former Soviet Union. Toon complained that Russian officials are being too vague. (CBS-2, ABC-8)

MAASTRICHT/U.S. REACTION

Rather reports the U.S. today applauded France's vote to proceed with European unity. European leaders were shaken by the narrowness of the victory in France. (CBS-7)

IMF/WORLD ECONOMY

Rather reports the IMF will open its annual meeting tomorrow in Washington. The IMF warned that if governments don't stop spending more than they have, they will do serious damage to the world economy. (CBS-7)

INDONESIA/EAST TIMOR

ABC's Charles Glass reports on Indonesia's violent suppression of East Timor. Since Indonesia's invasion in the 1970s, the U.S. has sold it arms worth about \$850 million. Every U.S. administration since the invasion has maintained friendly relations with Gen. Suharto [phonetic], despite the illegal use of U.S. weapons for offensive purposes.

(TV coverage: President Bush meeting with Suharto.)

This year, the U.S. has given \$145 million in aid. If the House bill to cut off aid succeeds in the Senate and is not vetoed by President Bush, it will be the first American sanction against Indonesia in the 17 years it has occupied East Timor. (ABC-19)

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EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

CAMPAIGN/DEBATES

Let Bush, Clinton Go One-On-One In Debates -- "Apparently, Bush's handlers fret that he can't handle a spontaneous exchange of views with Clinton.... A central tenet of the Bush campaign is that George Bush, commander-in-chief during Desert Storm, has demonstrated the calmness, the strength and the sureness of purpose needed in a President. Then let him demonstrate those same qualities in a setting that gives the American public a chance to watch. Let him agree to the presidential debates that Republicans and Democrats together have proposed -- one-on-one discussions with Clinton."
(Minneapolis Star Tribune, 9/18)

It's Debatable -- "For our money, there's not a quarter's worth of difference [between the debate formats]. A single moderator might make for the kind of collegiate debate in which candidates are judged on their quickness under fire. But that's not the main thing we want to see from an encounter between presidential contenders. The question is not who's quickest, but rather which, along with his staff, can formulate the best public policy. Besides, neither side is bothered so much by the formats as by the uncertainties and byproducts of debating.... Whatever format they end up with, Bush and Clinton ought to work this out."
(Birmingham News, 9/17)

Here's To A Better Format For Presidential Debates -- "[If the bipartisan committee plan is used] the beneficiary would be the public, which would have a chance to see how sharp the candidates are when pressed to go beyond the scripted answers prepared by handlers. Such a format would put a premium on knowledge of specifics, an ability to think on one's feet and to handle oneself well under pressure. Are those skills relevant to the presidency? Yes. And a president who constantly reminds voters of his ability to handle that 'phone call in the night' should not fear matching his coolness under pressure against that of his opponent in a debate that will test their knowledge and mettle."
(Buffalo News, 9/16)

Debate Demerits -- "George Bush has lost the first presidential debate without even debating, and unless he and his handlers quit playing games soon, he will lose the next two debates scheduled by the Commission on Presidential Debates.... It is understandable that Bush would not want to debate under an unfavorable format, but given the state of his campaign, he cannot afford to be seen as not wanting to debate. For Bush, a poor debate performance is better than the perception the public is forming that he is either too afraid or too arrogant to discuss the issues.... The question is, will that debate come in time to help Bush any? The longer he waits, the more likely it is that the answer will be no."
(Houston Post, 9/18)

Bush Makes Up New Rules For The Game Of Non-Debating -- "The truth is that George Bush is the candidate who does not want to debate, although he would accept the old format because it is not really a debate.... A major criticism of the panel format, and it was valid, was that the journalists were too intrusive, more interested in scoring their own points and grabbing attention on national television than in keeping questions terse and to the point of the issues. This is one reason Bush prefers the panel, because the more the panelists hold the spotlight, the less time he would be forced to defend his performance." (Tampa Tribune, 9/17)

Debating The Debates -- "President Bush should stop equivocating and agree to debate Bill Clinton.... Pretty soon, voters will get the idea he doesn't want to debate at all. That may not be far from the truth. The President isn't great on his feet, especially when he opens his mouth. Clinton is a policy wonk and a good extemporaneous speaker (the debate clock will save him from his worst sin: windiness). Clinton would look young and vigorous next to Bush.... By agreeing right away, Clinton has-already scored debating points. Bush can't afford to look like he's cowering." (San Francisco Examiner, 9/10)

SPOTTED OWL/FORESTS

Owls, Trees And Presidents -- "The philosophy laid out by President Bush would take this country backward more than 20 years, to a time when environmental concerns were always sacrificed to corporate interests.... Increasingly, a stronger economic argument can be made for protection and preservation, a position that Mr. Clinton stressed.... In [the Northwest], the economic, social, recreational and health benefits of a clean environment are spread throughout society, while the economic benefits of environmental destruction are enjoyed by a relative few, the timber industry. It's not surprising that in both Oregon and Washington, where outrage over the spotted owl is supposedly highest, Mr. Clinton enjoys a healthy lead in the polls." (Atlanta Constitution, 9/18)

Owls Aren't The Enemy -- "The issue is not saving owls or saving jobs; if the trees are cut, both the owls and the jobs disappear. What old-growth timber remains in the denuded hills of the Pacific Northwest wouldn't keep loggers employed more than six years.... The truth about the unwarranted destruction of our national timberlands makes for bad politics. So rather than a special-interest-vs.-taxpayers issue, Bush paints it as jobs vs. spotted owls. If he wins, he's the next-to-last candidate who can use the ploy. By the election of 2000, the issue will be moot. The trees will be gone." (Des Moines Register, 9/16)

Forest Falsehoods -- "[Bush's] assertions are as false as they are inflammatory. The jobs vs. environment controversy has been raging for years, and Mr. Bush's contribution so far has been to trivialize it.... An honest campaign speech would point out that the Northwest timber industry is declining for many reasons.... Politicians shouldn't dismiss as insignificant the loss of thousands of jobs. But why can't Mr. Bush tell the truth -- the Northwest is in the throes of change, and that the government's role is to ease the transition for displaced workers and their families?" (Louisville Courier-Journal, 9/16)

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