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GEORGE BUSH

WASHINGTON

The Reverend Richard C. Halverson
2220 North 24th Street
Arlington, Virginia 22207

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WASHINGTON

October 22, 1992

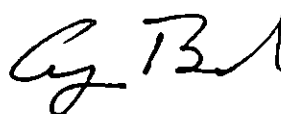
Dear Dick,

Thanks so much for your phone call and offer to pray -- sorry I missed it. I appreciate your thinking of me during this tough time and know that the Lord is watching over Barbara and me.

Just back from four days on the road, and I am out again tomorrow morning. Only 12 more days to go, but I remain confident.

All my best to you and Doris.

Warm regards, my friend,



cc: R. Zamaria
1 copy
in/out

This letter was given to OPA to be transferred to the Bush/Quayle Committee for mailing.

10/23/92

Debate response

*4-non
friends*

Monday
October 19, 1992

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PHONE CALLS FOR THE PRESIDENT

1. Dr. Richard Halverson
Calling to pray with the President prior to the Debate.
Patty thanked him. No need to return call

HOME1 Reverend Richard C. Halverson
2220 North 24th Street
Arlington, VA 22207

Salutation: "Dick"
CC5

GEORGE BUSH

WASHINGTON

The Honorable Evelyn I.H. Teegen
Ambassador to Fiji, Tonga, Tuvalu & Kiribat
Embassy of the United States of America,
Suva, Fiji
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20521-4290

GEORGE BUSH

WASHINGTON

October 22, 1992

Dear Evie,

Thanks so much for your phone call -- sorry I missed it. Glad to hear you were able to watch the last debate. Your words of support and encouragement mean a lot in this tough political year.

Just back from four days on the road, and I am out again tomorrow morning. Only 12 more days to go, but I remain confident of winning.

Thanks for all you're doing and best wishes to you and Dick.

Con Afecto,



10/21

Amb Teezen

Called. Watched the
last debate while in
Hawaii. Wanted GB to know
he did a superb job and
sends her congrats. She proud
of GB and grateful for his
leadership.

- Hello to Rose & Patty too.

3-Kindergarten Class
Reception School
Jersey 08611

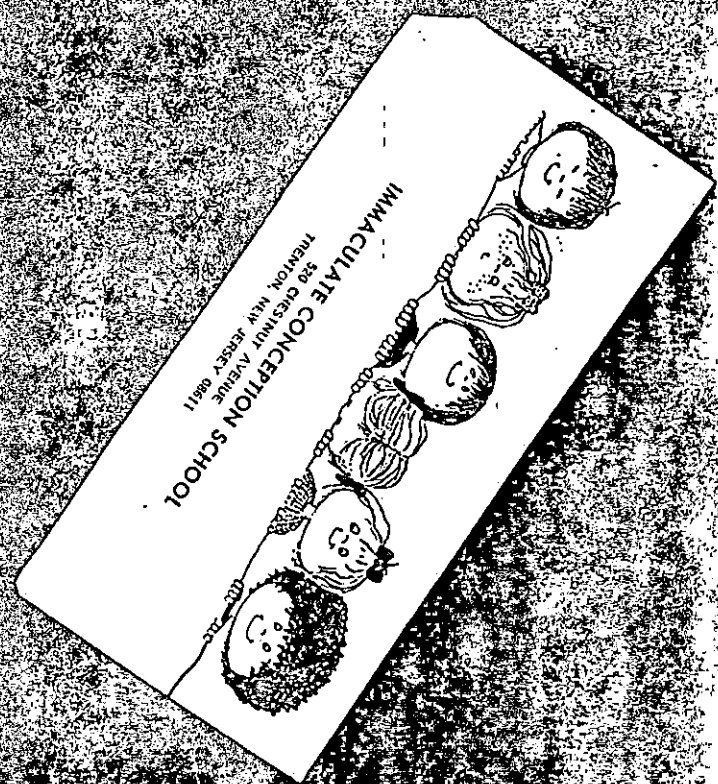
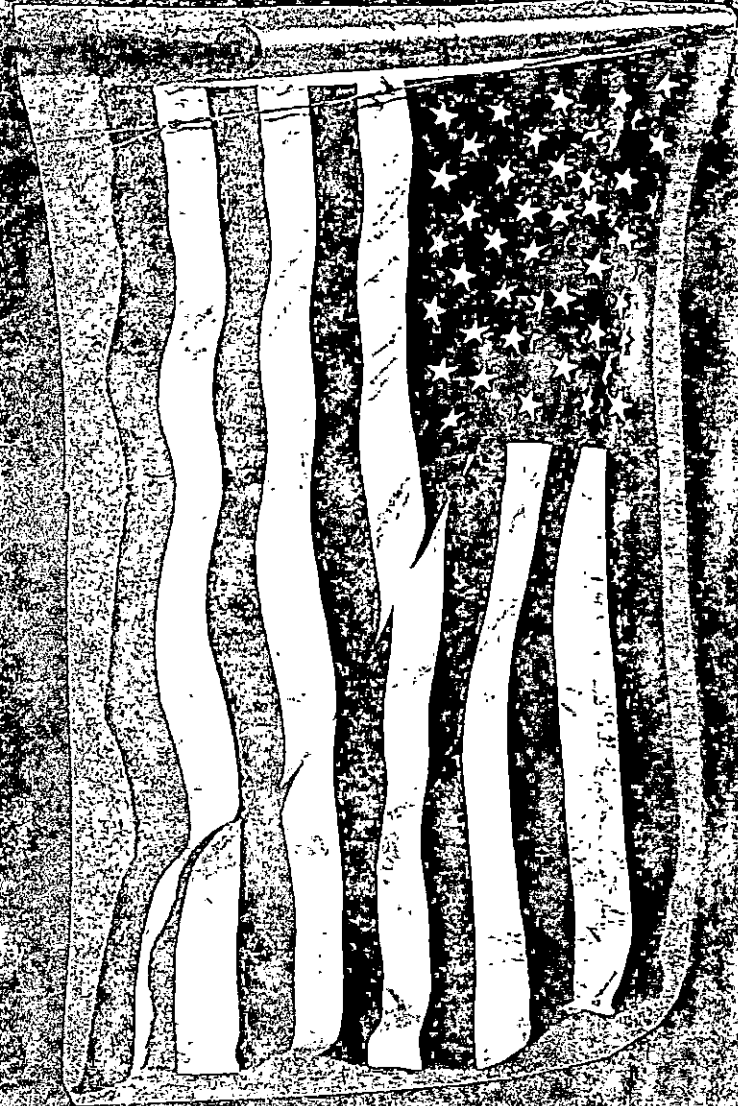


THE PRESIDENT

Oct. 22, 1992

To the Kids at
Immaculate Conception

Thanks for my great
book of pictures. I love
it Good Luck by B



FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. William J. Clark
Waverly Bluff
Post Office Box 1500
Pawley's Island, South Carolina 29585



THE PRESIDENT

October 22, 1992

Dear Bill,

Thanks so much for your encouraging fax of October 18. I will try to do just that, tell the American people what I stand for -- free trade, global markets, competitive education, more savings and investment. It sounds like Carroll did a wonderful job for me. Barbara and I are grateful for supporters and friends like you, Mary, Carroll and Iris.

Less than two weeks left in this tough campaign, but I am confident we will win! Barbara joins in sending many thanks and warm regards to you both.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature, likely of Bill Clinton, written in dark ink.

cc: R. Zamaria
1 copy
in/out

WILLIAM J. CLARK
P.O. BOX 1500
PAWLEY'S ISLAND
SOUTH CAROLINA 29585

p. 1

Oct. 18, 1992

President George Bush
Fax # (301) 271-1369

Dear George,

Mary and I heard Carroll Campbell's campaign pitch Friday night. It was terrific and all positive. Something like this:

"If a candidate in 1988 had told you that in the next four years:

— "I will preside over the destruction of the Berlin Wall — the liberation of Eastern Europe — and the collapse of the Soviet Union (together with militant international Communism).

— This will remove the threat of nuclear war from the planet.

— Combined with decisive action by the United States against renegade dictators in Central America and the Middle East, the tide toward democratic government and market economies will become a world-wide phenomenon.

— During this time, and despite a cyclical world-wide slowdown, the productivity of America's farms, factories, and service industries will create record exports of American goods and services, ~~they~~ ^{they're} creating xxx thousand new jobs in our country.

— In 1992 I will initiate the NAFTA agreement creating in North America the world's largest free trade grouping of nations.

— At the same time, the rate of inflation and interest rates will continue to decline to levels not seen in the United States since the 1950's, and far below the rates in most of the industrial countries of the world.

Gov. Campbell did not go further with this "what if" scenario except to finish with "You probably wouldn't have believed this candidate, but all of those things were brought about under the leadership of George Bush during these past four years".

We could have added some other candidate statements, such as:

— Not having a "Line item veto" power, I will be forced to veto the bill passed by the

Democrat-controlled Congress. Almost all would have required huge new government spending in the face of an already high Federal budget deficit, and all but one veto will be sustained, thereby saving (untold) or (\$\$ billions) in the future.

Billions which belong to our children.

— That is the same Congress which will stymie our proposals for controlling the deficit, and for real change in education, for inner city economic opportunity, health care reform, welfare reform, etc.

Looking ahead, the stage is set for an era of global peace and prosperity. America will continue to lead the world into that era only if we continue to encourage free trade and the free movement of capital between nations.

We are already the world's most productive economy, as the rest of the world is proving by its enormous, job-creating investments here. And we can do even better.

Imagine what the gradual shift of some of our highly skilled people and facilities from

military needs to peaceful ends (consistent with our world leadership responsibilities) will mean to our future growth opportunities. That is in my plan.

Imagine an education system that empowers parents to seek the best education for their children among competitive providers. And an educational system that works in partnerships with business to help train and retrain workers from all walks of life for the high-tech, high-pay jobs of tomorrow. Those things are in my plan.

Imagine a tax system that encourages private savings and investment, and in particular, investment in job-producing enterprises in our cities. That's in my plan.

Imagine a health-care system that can deliver high-quality care to all, while restraining cost growth, and without creating an enormous new Federal bureaucracy. That is in my plan.

Imagine economic growth which can extinguish our Federal budget deficit in the next (?) years without raising taxes

to the promising and counter-productive
levels of the past. That is my plan.
Americans have an historic opportunity
this year to elect a Congress which can
look to the future with confidence and
which shares with me this vision of America's
future.

Together, we face the most exciting and
potentially rewarding years in our nation's
history. Exciting because of the unprecedented
opportunities which would peace offers. And
rewarding for all of us, as individual Americans
and world citizens, if we work together
to unleash our full economic and social
potential. We do not need to return to
the outturn policies of tax and spend and
government control now packaged as Clintonomics.
I promise you that, as your President, I
can lead this great nation to new levels
of prosperity and opportunity for all Americans
in an even more peaceful world.

With our best wishes for success and our
abiding affection for you and Barbara.

Bill and Mary

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable Maurice Allen
Mayor of Norcross
65 Lawrenceville Street
Norcross, Georgia 30071



THE PRESIDENT

October 22, 1992

Dear Mayor Allen,

Thanks so much for the book on the history of Norcross. I'm delighted to have it and appreciate your thoughtfulness. I really enjoyed my visit there and am now looking forward to reading all about it.

Please thank the others, too, for this wonderful gift and give them my warmest wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Clinton".

cc: ✓ R. Zamaria
1 copy
Charles Free
Gift Unit w/
book

*A Compilation of Fact and Legend
Pertaining to
The History of*

NORCROSS

in

**GWINNETT COUNTY,
GEORGIA**

by

ALLEN PHILIP FRANCIS

From the Press of Harper Printing Co., Inc.
Norcross, Georgia

1967

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To President George Bush
October 20, 1992

Maurice Allen, Mayor
Ray Girma, Mayor pro TEM

Andre DeBakey councilman

[Signature] councilman

John A. McFarland Councilman
Ruth Dodd Councilmember

In The Interest of

THE

Officers and

1st. Vice Pres., Mrs. C

2nd Vice Pres., Mrs. C

3rd Vice Pres., Mrs. A

Corres. Sec., Mrs. Geo

Mrs. H. W. B

Mrs. R. J. Br

Miss Rebecca

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Mrs. J. S. Co

Mrs. H. W. C

Mrs. J. S. Cap

Mrs. J. A. Da

Mrs. Herbert

Mrs. Betmar

Mrs. L. D. Ew

Mrs. George

Mrs. Lewis F

Mrs. W. J. Fa

Mrs. A. P. F

Mrs. J. C. Fi

Mrs. Carl Gar



City of Norcross, Georgia

MAURICE ALLEN
Mayor

65 Lawrenceville St.
Norcross, GA 30071

404-448-2122
Res: 448-5112

GEORGE BUSH

WASHINGTON

Mr. Victor Damone
44-816 Del Dio's Circle
Indian Wells, California 92210

GEORGE BUSH

WASHINGTON

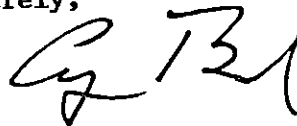
October 22, 1992

Dear Vic,

Just got back from four days of campaigning and found your message about Rush Limbaugh. Rush is a great supporter and has done a lot for me through his television and radio shows. I'll try to find some time to watch it myself and will be sure to pass your idea on to the campaign.

Back on the road tomorrow with stops in Kentucky, Florida, Alabama, and Louisiana. Thanks for calling. With warmest wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Bush", written in a cursive style.

PHONE MESSAGE FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM VICTOR DAMONE

OCTOBER 22, 1992, 5:00 P.M.

Sir,

Would you like us
to get a copy of
this show for you?

No

Saw Rush Limbaugh at 12:30 a.m last night on Channel 9 in New York. It was great. He talked about Clinton's lies and proved all the facts. Mr. Damone thinks that the campaign should buy some time on TV and show this tape all over the country. It's only half an hour and very good. It convinced two people he knew, that were supporting Clinton, to vote for you now. He wants you to get a copy of the show and watch it.

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Rogelio G. Gonzalez
Gonzalez International Services
Post Office Box 828
Houston Texas 77001



THE PRESIDENT

October 22, 1992

Dear Roy,

Many thanks for your phone call. The encouragement and support of friends mean so much. This has been a tough race, but I remain confident about November.

Back on the road today -- almost two weeks, now, of nonstop campaigning. Barbara and I are grateful to have you on our side.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature, likely of Bill Clinton, consisting of a stylized 'C' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

PHONE MESSAGE FROM ROY GONZALEZ
OCTOBER 19, 1992, 11:35 A.M.

Called to let you know that they are all with you and he is knows
you will win. Don't believe the polls. You're the only one who
can do the job. He wishes you well tonight.

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Douglas Sanders
Doug Sanders Enterprises, Incorporated
Suite 115
8100 Washington Avenue
Houston, Texas 77007



THE PRESIDENT

October 22, 1992

Dear Doug,

Thanks for your phone call and message. I am hanging in there and ready to go back out on the road. We're off to Kentucky, Florida, Alabama and Louisiana in the morning.

Thanks for your continued support and pars and birdies to you, too, my friend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to George H. W. Bush.

PHONE MESSAGE FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM DOUG SANDERS

OCTOBER 19, 1992, 3:00 P.M.

Called to say "Hello," and to give you his best. He wishes you
"nothing but pars and birdies."

GEORGE BUSH
WASHINGTON

The Honorable Jean Gerard
201 East 79th Street, Apt. #20B
New York, New York 10021

GEORGE BUSH
WASHINGTON
October 22, 1992

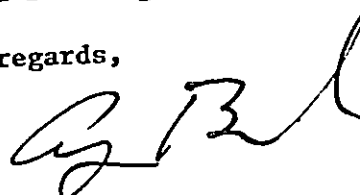
Dear Jean,

Thanks so much for your phone call and message.
I appreciate your advice and words of support.

Just back from four days on the road, and I am out
again tomorrow morning. This has been a tough
political year, but with only 12 more days to go,
I remain confident.

Best wishes and thanks for all you're doing.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "G. B.", written in a cursive style.

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Involved in Campaigns since
age 15. Wants him to come out
w/ positive message about what BB
will do. NY Times article in
yesterday's paper - need more reasons
~~out~~ out there than just his
character. - Needs to give
"vision" to America and say
what he'll do for them. Need to
somehow reach the people and
project. **called BOJ**
for BB 11PM 7/

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FROM: Allison M. Wright
(WRIGHT)

SUBJECT: Info on Ambassador Gerard

Bio brief as of 1 March 1989.

Source: Council of American Ambassadors list

JEAN BROWARD SHELVIN GERARD

Our Ambassador to Luxembourg ^{beginning in 1985.} She was previously Ambassador to UNESCO 1981-1985. Ambassador Gerard is a 1959 graduate of Vassar College and later earned a law degree from Fordham University in 1977. The Ambassador was an Alternate Delegate for the 18th Congressional District of New York for the ~~91-90~~ ¹⁹⁸⁰ Republican Convention, and an Honorary Delegate from New York to the 1972 Republican National Convention. Ambassador Gerard held various posts with the Women's National Republican Club including those of Treasurer 1974, and President 1971-1973, and was Editor of the Fordham International Law Forum 1977.

We are inquiring about Ambassador Gerard's current employment.

NOTE FOR FLORENCE: Allison provided above note w/changes.

Tony Wayne called and provided her current address:

201 East 79th Street - Apt #20B
New York, New York 10021

Cheers! Wilma

GEORGE BUSH
WASHINGTON

Mr. Jimmy Dean
1160 Riverbend Road
Richmond, Virginia 23231

GEORGE BUSH
WASHINGTON
October 22, 1992

Dear Jimmy,

Thanks for your phone call and supportive message.
I appreciate your good wishes.

Just back from four days on the road, and I am out
again tomorrow morning. Only 12 days to go, but I
remain confident.

All my best to you and Donna.

Sincerely,

*Saw your
daughter today
in N.T. - great*



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

10/19

Jimmy Dean called.
He saw a poll in
Richmond which
showed the Pres. ahead.
Wished him luck in
the debate - thinks the
Pres. should talk like he's addressing
one person not millions of
people.

Leslie V. Montgomery
representatives
Executive Office Building

GEORGE BUSH

WASHINGTON

October 22, 1992

Dear Sonny,

Thanks so much for your phone call -- sorry I missed
it. I appreciate your encouraging words of support
following the debate.

Just back from four days on the road, and I am out
again tomorrow morning. Only 12 more days to go,
but I remain confident of winning.

Warm regards,



MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

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TO:

POTUS

☒ YOU WERE CALLED BY—

☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Cong. Sonny Montgomery

OF (Organization)

☐ PLEASE PHONE ►

☐ FTS

☐ AUTOVON

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN

☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL

☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

He's proud of you.
Thought you did a
wonderful job last
night.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

GEORGE BUSH

WASHINGTON



The Honorable John H. Chafee
United States Senate
567 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

GEORGE BUSH

WASHINGTON

October 22, 1992

Dear Chafe,

Thanks so much for your phone call following Monday night's debate -- sorry I missed it. I appreciate your words of encouragement and support, my friend.

Just back from four days on the road, and I am out again tomorrow morning. Only 12 more days to go, but I remain confident.

My best to you and Ginny.

Warm regards,



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

John H
Sen Chase

GREAT LAST NIGHT
~~~~~

KEPT CALM.  
~~~~~

CONDUCTED HIMSELF IN A
~~~~~

GREAT MANNER  
~~~~~

BE OF GOOD CHEER
(~~~~~)

POOL REPORT # 8

October 22, 1992
(Ridgewood, New Jersey)

From NC to NJ

Motorcade to the Raleigh airport uneventful. As we turned into the gate to the runway, about 75 people stood in a single file line holding signs that said "save our jobs." They were dressed in suits and several of them had on what appeared to be airline pilot uniforms. Outside the airport, several clusters of onlookers carried pro Bush signs including one that said "Bush Country." No one came back on the plane.

Marlin said that the President's meeting with General Vessey at 7:30 a.m. Friday in the Oval Office (stills only). He said they'll probably have a statement afterwards either in the Rose Garden or briefing room (est. time 7:50 a.m.).

Clara Bingham - Newsweek
Kathy Lewis, Dallas Morning News

POOL REPORT # 9

After the Vineland speech, Bush went to a restaurant on Landis Ave. - behind the podium - where he munched on rice and beef stew, skim milk and bread pudding, all Mexican style. The shop was called Vineland Cold Cuts operated by Joseph Soto of Puerto Rico. The scene inside looked like something out of the Godfather, as Bush sat at a tiny table surrounded by seven men, most of whom sat behind the president huddling over the president's shoulder trying to capture every word. Behind the president was a poster titled: "First Aid For Choking."

Bush was asked how New Jersey looked. "Ask the pros," he said. Gov. Kean said "looks great." Bush added, "That's what's so encouraging." He then did the Mulroney thing again. After lunch he was given a bouquet of mums or carnations from a 5-year-old child.

Fitzwater wasn't spinning much, but said of Bush on Perot: "He said what he meant and meant what he said." Also: "We want people to vote for George Bush, not Bill Clinton or Ross Perot."

White House press said crowd estimates at the last Ridgewood event was 10,000 thru mags and 5,000-9,000 outside.

Paul Bedard - Washington Times

THE WHITE HOUSE

**Office of the Press Secretary
(Secaucus, New Jersey)**

For Immediate Release

October 22, 1992

The President today recognized Andrew Bales of Des Moines, Iowa, as the 930th Daily Point of Light for the Nation. Mr. Bales helps clients of Good Samaritan Urban Ministries develop a sense of well-being, while providing them with a decent, safe place to live.

Going above and beyond his professional responsibilities as Executive Director of Good Samaritan Urban Ministries, Mr. Bales volunteers up to 20 hours each week. Under his leadership during the past two years, Good Samaritan has grown to become an affordable complex with both transitional and permanent housing for low-income individuals and families. Over 80 volunteers offer legal guidance, child care, tutoring, and health care, and serve as sponsor families.

Mr. Bales is a mentor to the residents of the housing complex, offering friendship and guidance to the families. He works one-to-one with each family, addressing their particular needs and enabling them to develop life and job skills and maintain emotional stability. Residents know that he is available 24 hours a day as a trusted confidant and advisor. He gives them hope to lead productive, independent lives.

Mr. Bales, a father of six, organized Saturday Night Ministry, which has mobilized 15 to 20 volunteers to serve hot meals to homeless people. In six years, the program has expanded to cover a 35-mile radius, from the center of town to its rural outskirts, providing 400 to 700 meals each Saturday night. During that time Mr. Bales has established trusting relationships and credibility with homeless individuals. Over two-thirds know him by name and regularly seek his support.

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

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(202)456-6266**

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(North Carolina)

For Immediate Release

October 21, 1992

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT THOMASVILLE WELCOME

Thomasville, North Carolina

3:12 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: What a great North Carolina day. (Applause.) Thank you, Governor Jim Martin. I'll tell you something -- the people of North Carolina are lucky to have such a quality man of character leading this state as Jim Martin. (Applause.) And now we've got to keep that character and quality going by electing Jim Gardner to be the next Governor of North Carolina. (Applause.)

I'm delighted to see a man here who supports me and supports our country so much -- Congressman Howard Coble. (Applause.) If we had more like him they wouldn't be yelling, "Clean House" at me. We need more like him. And while we're at it, we need to help of our distinguished guest today, Senator Strom Thurmond, one of America's truly greats over here. (Applause.) And we need to help him by cleaning Senate. And that means send our friend, Lauch Faircloth to the United States Senate.

Lauch Faircloth is one of the great -- he'd be a great senator. He'll go up there and change things. And the status quo is what's wrong. We need him in the Senate. Send him up there. He's doing just great. (Applause.)

And then we've got another sportsman here. I think of North Carolina as a sporting state, one that loves athletics. Charlotte's coming on strong. We've got Darryl Waltrip right here, one of America's greats. (Applause.)

And so we've got them all. And now we're ready to go. And let me thank everybody responsible for this wonderful rally -- the great bands from Thomasville, East Davidson, and Ledford High Schools. (Applause.) And it's great to be here with last year's state champions, the Thomasville High School Bulldogs. (Applause.)

And can I tell you something as a satisfied customer? You've got to make the best furniture in the entire world. (Applause.) Not only is it made right here, but also there's a certain generosity of spirit by the companies and the workers involved, because I'm told that you were sending furniture to the victims of Hurricane Andrew. That is the American spirit, and I'm very grateful to you. (Applause.)

And now on to the business at hand. Did anybody watch that debate the other night? (Applause.) Let me tell you -- well, I thought we did all right, I thought we did okay. But let me tell you this. What I think you saw was a vast difference in experience, certainly a vast difference in philosophy, and a vast difference in character. And character matters for President of the United States. (Applause.)

Governor Clinton made a horrible comment. He said he wants to do for the United States what he's done for Arkansas. That would be terrible.

MORE

AUDIENCE: Boooooooo.

THE PRESIDENT: Let me click off some gloomy statistics and then we'll get on to something a little more positive. Arkansas -- you've got this Ozone Man on the ticket with him -- you know, Gore. Arkansas ranks the 50th in quality of environmental standards; it ranks 50th in per capita spending on criminal justice; it ranks 49th in per capita spending on police protection; it ranks 48th in percentage of adults with high school diplomas; it is 48th on spending on corrections; 46th on teachers' salaries; and 45th in the overall well-being of children. You cannot take a failing Little League coach and put him on to coach the Atlanta Braves -- manage the Braves. (Applause.)

He calls this change. He says he's the candidate of change. Well, let's take a close look at what he offers. How about this one for openers -- and he hasn't got there: \$150 billion in new taxes and \$220 in new spending. That is trickle-down government and we don't need it in Washington, D.C. (Applause.) He says he'd take it to the -- sock it to the rich. Watch out, middle America. Watch out, struggling nurse or family person. He's going to stick it right in your wallet -- and you don't need that anymore. Let's get the taxes down and the spending down. (Applause.)

The last time we got that kind of change -- you don't have to go back to Herbert Hoover. Go back to when you had a liberal Democrat in the White House and you had a Democrat spendthrift Congress that Lauch Faircloth wants to change. Go back and take a look. That was in the days of Jimmy Carter. Now, do you remember what interest rates --

AUDIENCE: Boooooo.

THE PRESIDENT: Sorry, gang, but it's true. Do you remember what the interest rates were? Twenty-one and a half percent. Twenty-one percent. Inflation was robbing every senior citizen in this country -- 15 percent. We cannot go back to that failed policy. (Applause.) You keep going with that kind of change and change is all you'll have left in your pocket. We've got to do better.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(North Carolina)

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October 21, 1992

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT THOMASVILLE WELCOME

Thomasville, North Carolina

3:12 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: What a great North Carolina day. (Applause.) Thank you, Governor Jim Martin. I'll tell you something -- the people of North Carolina are lucky to have such a quality man of character leading this state as Jim Martin. (Applause.) And now we've got to keep that character and quality going by electing Jim Gardner to be the next Governor of North Carolina. (Applause.)

I'm delighted to see a man here who supports me and supports our country so much -- Congressman Howard Coble. (Applause.) If we had more like him they wouldn't be yelling, "Clean House" at me. We need more like him. And while we're at it, we need to help of our distinguished guest today, Senator Strom Thurmond, one of America's truly greats over here. (Applause.) And we need to help him by cleaning Senate. And that means send our friend, Lauch Faircloth to the United States Senate.

Lauch Faircloth is one of the great -- he'd be a great senator. He'll go up there and change things. And the status quo is what's wrong. We need him in the Senate. Send him up there. He's doing just great. (Applause.)

And then we've got another sportsman here. I think of North Carolina as a sporting state, one that loves athletics. Charlotte's coming on strong. We've got Darryl Waltrip right here, one of America's greats. (Applause.)

And so we've got them all. And now we're ready to go. And let me thank everybody responsible for this wonderful rally -- the great bands from Thomasville, East Davidson, and Ledford High Schools. (Applause.) And it's great to be here with last year's state champions, the Thomasville High School Bulldogs. (Applause.)

And can I tell you something as a satisfied customer? You've got to make the best furniture in the entire world. (Applause.) Not only is it made right here, but also there's a certain generosity of spirit by the companies and the workers involved, because I'm told that you were sending furniture to the victims of Hurricane Andrew. That is the American spirit, and I'm very grateful to you. (Applause.)

And now on to the business at hand. Did anybody watch that debate the other night? (Applause.) Let me tell you -- well, I thought we did all right, I thought we did okay. But let me tell you this. What I think you saw was a vast difference in experience, certainly a vast difference in philosophy, and a vast difference in character. And character matters for President of the United States. (Applause.)

Governor Clinton made a horrible comment. He said he wants to do for the United States what he's done for Arkansas. That would be terrible.

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Veterans Memorial Park
Ridgewood, New Jersey

3:35 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. It's great to be here. Thank you. What a beautiful day in New Jersey. And let me tell you something: This marvelous crowd convinces me that I will be reelected for four more years in 12 days from now. (Applause.)

I want to thank Bob Grant. I want to thank Bob Grant. He always brings people here for some good luck. And I want to thank your Congressman Marge Roukema. You've got a great Congressman in Washington, D.C. (Applause.)

Everywhere I go, people yell, "Clean House." If we had more like Marge, you wouldn't be doing that. But we need a new Congress to work with her to change America. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: This guy's fired up, up here. (Applause.)

Let me also say that I still wish that Governor Tom Kean were Governor of the state of New Jersey, I'll tell you. (Applause.)

May I thank Mayor Pat Mancuso. And may I say a belated congratulations to the Ridgewood Maroons, the All-Champions, the State Champions, football champions. (Applause.)

And so, I come into this state feeling good. Something's happening out across this country. (Applause.) Something is happening. We're moving up on this guy. And, remember, the vote is not over until November -- when people vote on November 3rd. And we are going to win the election because we are right for the American people. (Applause.)

Here's what's going to decide it -- here's what's going to decide it: When people go into that booth, they're going to have to ask themselves, who do you trust to lead America out of a global recession? Who do you trust to create new jobs? Who has the experience and the ideas to lead the United States of America? (Applause.)

For a long time -- for a long time, Governor Clinton and a handful of others running for President -- for about a year -- have been misrepresenting our record. And so today, I want to run the risk of ruining what is a lovely recession -- a lovely reception -- (laughter) -- wait'll you hear this, you'll know what I'm talking about. I've got to give you just a little bit on the Arkansas record. We've got to get in perspective. Watch out, here it is.

The 50th -- Arkansas is the 50th in the quality of environmental initiatives. They are the 50th in the percentage of adults with a college degree. They are 50th in the per capita spending on criminal justice. They are 49th in per capita spending on police protection. When a high school kid gets out of -- when a kid gets out of high school, 75 per cent of them in college need

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I'll give you a little -- I'll give you a little idea of what he has already said he wants: \$150 billion in new taxes; \$220 billion in new spending. He talks about trickle down -- that is "trickle-down government." Government's not yet to create a job that means anything -- small business does that. Let's help small business, not big government. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: It's easy when the times are tough. And yes, we've got a tough economy. We happen to have one of the best in the world. It's not as good as I want it, but we're in a global slowdown -- a global recession. And we've got to change things. But what we don't need to do is go back what it was like when the Democrats controlled the White House and the Congress, which they've controlled for 38 years.

I want to remind you what it was like. Interest rates -- some here are too young to remember -- 21.5 percent. We don't want that for the United States. Inflation was 15 percent. The misery index was going through the ozone hole, that Gore talks about all the time. And we cannot go back to the failed policies of the past. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: Our idea is the government under control and get government spending and the taxation bill down. I saw a horrible sign here -- it says Clinton equals Florio. No, we cannot do that to the United States. There it is. The guy's got it right there.

In early October, the number of Americans filing new claims for jobless benefits to a two-year low. We just got this announcement today. It's a good sign. And I can't wait to turn on the evening TV tonight and hear good news for America. I'm sure they'll report it -- so far I haven't heard too much about that. We've had unemployment down for the last three months. I haven't heard too much about that. And my favorite bumper sticker -- Tom, you got it? Here's my favorite bumper sticker of all -- "Annoy the Media, Reelect Bush." (Applause.) What is it about these guys? (Applause.)

Let me tell you what we've got to do -- and New Jersey knows this -- we've got to open up markets abroad. New Jersey can outproduce, outhustle -- our workers can outproduce, outhustle any, anywhere in the world. But we've got to open up these markets. We've got to outcompete the rest of the world. We don't turn inward, we turn outward and sell New Jersey products in markets all around the world, and that's what I stand for. (Applause.)

A lot of you people here today are small business people. And that means they employ two-thirds of the people in this country -- two-thirds. And they're not taxed too little. They're not regulated too little. They're taxed too much and regulated too much and they're sued too much. Let's change all three. (Applause.)

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I'm not -- hey, look -- I'm not against lawyers. What I'm against is malpractice lawsuits that keep doctors from practicing. I'm against lawsuits, so a person goes by and sees a person lying on the side of the road in a car accident and then they're afraid to pick them up and help them because somebody is going to sue them; or a Little League coach who's afraid to coach because some nutty trial lawyer is going to come in and sue the opposition. I'm sorry, we are suing each other too much in this country and caring for each other too little. And we've got to change it. (Applause.)

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We've got a good health care program that's going to get insurance available to the poorest of the poor; tax credit to the overworked middle class; get the insurance portable so it goes with you from job to job; change malpractice. But do not let the government run the health care program. (Applause.) And don't let the Congress do it. Congress can't run a two-bit bank or a two-bit post office. (Applause.) Don't let them do anything except change -- change them out. (Applause.) Give Marge some company up there that's sensible like she is.

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Office of the Press Secretary
(Ridgewood, New Jersey)

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October 22, 1992

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT RIDGEWOOD WELCOME

Veterans Memorial Park
Ridgewood, New Jersey

3:35 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. It's great to be here. Thank you. What a beautiful day in New Jersey. And let me tell you something: This marvelous crowd convinces me that I will reelected for four more years in 12 days from now. (Applause.)

I want to thank Bob Grant. I want to thank Bob Grant. He always brings people he's for some good luck. And I want to thank your Congressman Marge Roukema. You've got a great Congressman in Washington, D.C. (Applause.)

Everywhere I go, people yell, "Clean House." If we had more like Marge, you wouldn't be doing that. But we need a new Congress to work with her to change America. (Applause.)

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

THE PRESIDENT: This guy's fired up, up here. (Applause.)

Let me also say that I still wish that Governor Tom Kean were Governor of the state of New Jersey, I'll tell you. (Applause.)

May I thank Mayor Pat Mancuso. And may I say a belated congratulations to the Ridgewood Maroons, the All-Champions, the State Champions, football champions. (Applause.)

And so, I come into this state feeling good. Something's happening out across this country. (Applause.) Something is happening. We're moving up on this guy. And, remember, the vote is not over until November -- when people vote on November 3rd. And we are going to win the election because we are right for the American people. (Applause.)

Here's what's going to decide it -- here's what's going to decide it: When people go into that booth, they're going to have to ask themselves, who do you trust to lead America out of a global recession? Who do you trust to create new jobs? Who has the experience and the ideas to lead the United States of America? (Applause.)

For a long time -- for a long time, Governor Clinton and a handful of others running for President -- for about a year -- have been misrepresenting our record. And so today, I want to run the risk of ruining what is a lovely recession -- a lovely reception -- (laughter) -- wait'll you hear this, you'll know what I'm talking about. I've got to give you just a little bit on the Arkansas record. We've got to get in perspective. Watch out, here it is.

The 50th -- Arkansas is the 50th in the quality of environmental initiatives. They are the 50th in the percentage of adults with a college degree. They are 50th in the per capita spending on criminal justice. They are 49th in per capita spending on police protection. When a high school kid gets out of -- when a kid gets out of high school, 75 per cent of them in college need

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AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: No way. No way. It's like taking a guy in the Little League, taking a manager of the Little League team that finished last, and say he ought to be managing the Braves. There's a big difference between failing in Arkansas and leading the United States of America. (Applause.)

I'll give you a little -- I'll give you a little idea of what he has already said he wants: \$150 billion in new taxes; \$220 billion in new spending. He talks about trickle down -- that is "trickle-down government." Government's not yet to create a job that means anything -- small business does that. Let's help small business, not big government. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: It's easy when the times are tough. And yes, we've got a tough economy. We happen to have one of the best in the world. It's not as good as I want it, but we're in a global slowdown -- a global recession. And we've got to change things. But what we don't need to do is go back what it was like when the Democrats controlled the White House and the Congress, which they've controlled for 38 years.

I want to remind you what it was like. Interest rates -- some here are too young to remember -- 21.5 percent. We don't want that for the United States. Inflation was 15 percent. The misery index was going through the ozone hole, that Gore talks about all the time. And we cannot go back to the failed policies of the past. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: Our idea is the government under control and get government spending and the taxation bill down. I saw a horrible sign here -- it says Clinton equals Florio. No, we cannot do that to the United States. There it is. The guy's got it right there.

In early October, the number of Americans filing new claims for jobless benefits to a two-year low. We just got this announcement today. It's a good sign. And I can't wait to turn on the evening TV tonight and hear good news for America. I'm sure they'll report it -- so far I haven't heard too much about that. We've had unemployment down for the last three months. I haven't heard too much about that. And my favorite bumper sticker -- Tom, you got it? Here's my favorite bumper sticker of all -- "Annoy the Media, Reelect Bush." (Applause.) What is it about these guys? (Applause.)

Let me tell you what we've got to do -- and New Jersey knows this -- we've got to open up markets abroad. New Jersey can outproduce, outhustle -- our workers can outproduce, outhustle any, anywhere in the world. But we've got to open up these markets. We've got to outcompete the rest of the world. We don't turn inward, we turn outward and sell New Jersey products in markets all around the world, and that's what I stand for. (Applause.)

A lot of you people here today are small business people. And that means they employ two-thirds of the people in this country -- two-thirds. And they're not taxed too little. They're not regulated too little. They're taxed too much and regulated too much and they're sued too much. Let's change all three. (Applause.)

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I'm not -- hey, look -- I'm not against lawyers. What I'm against is malpractice lawsuits that keep doctors from practicing. I'm against lawsuits, so a person goes by and sees a person lying on the side of the road in a car accident and then they're afraid to pick them up and help them because somebody is going to sue them; or a Little League coach who's afraid to coach because some nutty trial lawyer is going to come in and sue the opposition. I'm sorry, we are suing each other too much in this country and caring for each other too little. And we've got to change it. (Applause.)

And Governor Clinton owes his election to the trial lawyers in the past. And we've got to stand up against those people and put some caps on these ridiculous lawsuits that are costing health care alone 50 -- \$25 to \$50 billion. Do something about it. Change it. That's the kind of change we need. (Applause.)

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Office of the Press Secretary
(North Carolina)

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October 21, 1992

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT KANNAPOLIS WELCOME

Kannapolis, North Carolina

12:45 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Lynn, thank you, and thank all of Kannapolis and all of North Carolina for this wonderful welcome. I'm delighted to be with you on this beautiful North Carolina day. (Applause.)

Again, my thanks to Lynn Safrit, and thank you for the introduction; thank all of you for the welcome. And let me say at the beginning here, I am so proud to have the leadership and the support of your great Governor Jim Martin. What a job he's done for this state. (Applause.) And I salute the three members of the United States Congress that are with me, standing here -- Cass Ballenger and Alex McMillan, and Strom Thurmond -- the indefatigable Strom Thurmond from next door here. (Applause.)

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AUDIENCE: Clean the House!

THE PRESIDENT: And the man says, "Clean the House," and he's right. Well, let's start by sending Coy Privette up to the Congress. (Applause.) And I also -- I served in the Congress years ago with Jim Gardner -- I want to see him elected to the governorship to continue the work Jim Martin has done. (Applause.)

And also may I salute another American great. I think you've heard from him; I hope you have. You know him, you respect him as I do -- and I'm talking about Darryl Waltrip here. What a great American, great fellow. (Applause.) We're so proud of his record and what he stands for.

It's great to be here today. I've got to ask this question: Did any of you all see that debate two nights ago or three nights ago -- whatever it was? (Applause.) Well, let me tell you something. I hope what you saw was a vast difference in philosophy, approach to this great country of ours, and I hope you saw a difference in character, because that's what's going to decide this election. (Applause.)

You know, Governor Clinton talked about his record in Arkansas, and I don't want to ruin a beautiful gathering like this, but let me just --

AUDIENCE: Please don't. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: I've got to do it. I've got to put it in perspective. Let me -- listen to this now -- facts. Arkansas rates 50th in the quality of environmental initiative; 50th in the percentage of adults with college degrees; 50th in percentage -- per capita spending on criminal justice; 49th in

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It's like sending some little league guy to coach the Braves. The Braves are going to win -- (applause) -- you've got the chop going. Governor Clinton's like the guy that says, well, I might be for Toronto, but on the other hand, I'm for the Braves. You've got to make a commitment. I am for the Braves. Let's be clear on that one. (Applause.)

You know, all we hear about from that Clinton-Gore outfit is change, change, change -- and that's all you'll have left in your pocket if they go in and start raising your taxes and increasing spending. (Applause.) He got a little mad at me when I pointed out what he said he wanted. He said he wants \$150 billion in new taxes, \$220 billion in new spending. And I call that trickle-down government. Big government trickling its way down to the people. Let's make it the other way -- have the people telling the government what to do. (Applause.)

I remember the last time we had the kind of change he wants to bring to Washington. I hate to bring this one up -- but how many remember the Misery Index that was invented not by us, but by the liberal Democrats -- unemployment and inflation added together. It was 21 percent. Now it's 10. How many remember what interest rates were back then when the Democrats controlled the White House and the Congress? Twenty-one percent. We cannot have that kind of change for the American people. (Applause.)

No, that's change all right. And, as I say, we can't have change for the sake of change; we've got to keep this country moving. And I want -- I've got a proposal -- it's called the Agenda for America's Renewal -- that will cut this spending down. And I'll tell you how I'm going to do it. I'm going to get this new Congress working with these congressmen here who are good and solid to give me a line-item veto to cut out some of the pork out of the budget. (Applause.)

We're going to insist to do what the people want -- give the federal government a balanced budget amendment and take the burden off the backs of these young people. (Applause.) And you want to get the deficit down? Give the taxpayer a check-off. Let the taxpayer say, okay, I'm checking this box on my income tax. Ten percent of my tax must go for reducing the deficit by reducing spending. And if they can't do it, make it mandatory. Make it obligatory. (Applause.)

A couple of other ideas. I don't believe that the answer is to pull inward; I believe we ought to open markets abroad for agriculture, for our textile products, for whatever it is. We've got the most productive workers in the world; now let's hammer out new markets, so North Carolina will continue to do what it's doing -- growing and prospering. (Applause.)

Another thing is small business. We've got some big ones right around the corner here, but small business is what drives this country. And we need less regulation, we need tax breaks, investment tax allowance. We need a capital gains incentive so small business can prosper. We do not need more Clinton-Gore big government. (Applause.)

I think every American worries about health care. And I believe our proposal to provide insurance to the poorest of the poor, to provide tax credit to the overworked and overtaxed middle class is the way to go. Because it provides the quality of our health care, keeps that; and yet, makes insurance available to all. And when you leave one job, the insurance goes

with you -- that's a very important part of it. Keep the quality of the health care, but do not let the government get in and tell us how to run health care. (Applause.)

On education -- I am proud of our record. We have 1,700 communities across the land, North Carolina in the lead and many of its communities, literally reinventing our education. And let me be clear on the big difference with Governor Clinton. I believe that the parents should be able to choose. Just as parents choose day care now because of us, let them choose the school of their choice -- public, private, or religion -- and help them get that. Help them do it. Let's try it. And that will make the public schools better. And it worked in the G.I. Bill after the war. State schools prospered. And it will work for public schools to prosper if we try something different. School choice. Let the family stay together and have a say in all of this. (Applause.)

You know, coming along this trip on the train, I was talking to the Governor and these congressmen about it. It makes me give thanks and count my blessings for those who serve in law enforcement. And I've tried to back them. Strom Thurmond here, your neighbor, has been a leader for tougher laws to go after these criminals. And we've been blocked by a soft-thinking United States Congress.

But when I see those police officers and sheriffs, people and whatever it is, I count my blessings for what they do in our neighborhood. And the other day, we had a visit from six or eight people from -- came to see me -- they were from Arkansas. And they came to give me their endorsement: The Fraternal Order of Police in Little Rock, Arkansas are backing me for President of the United States. So let's support them. Let's support our law enforcement community.

You know, the last point I want to make relates to character. I don't quite understand it when Governor Clinton said in Richmond, Virginia -- he put it this way: It's the character of the presidency, not the character of the President. I don't believe that. I believe it's both. I believe that the President influences the presidency. And I have tried to keep the public trust, and I believe Barbara has kept the public trust. (Applause.) And I don't think you can be on all sides of every issue and keep the public trust. (Applause.)

Some of these guys were talking about Desert Storm. It was a proud moment in our history, and no state did more than North Carolina when their sons and daughters went there. (Applause.) None. And let me remind you where Governor Clinton is when I had to say a prayer up at that little chapel in Camp David a couple of days before we had to commit your sons and your daughters to war. Governor Clinton was saying this as soon as that tough vote was taken a couple of weeks before that moment. He said, well, I was with -- this is a paraphrase -- I probably -- I could support the minority view, but I guess I would have voted for the majority.

If we'd have listened to that view, Saddam Hussein would be in Saudi Arabia today, controlling three-fifths of the world oil and he'd have a nuclear weapon. And because we made a tough decision that didn't play both sides of the aisle, the fourth largest army in the world was defeated by your sons and your daughters. And it's a proud moment, and don't let them try to convert it into something bad. (Applause.)

On every issue, whether it's the right to work -- one day he's on one side of it, another day when he's talking to the labor bosses he's on the other side of it. On term limits, I'm for it -- one day he says he's for it and the next day he's against it. On the free trade -- whatever it is -- he's on one side and then another.

There's a pattern here of deception. And you cannot have a President who's going to try to be all things. You've got to make the tough decision, and when you're right get a little credit if you can. But when you're wrong admit your mistakes and go on trying to lead this great country. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Let's keep him in Arkansas --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let's do that, and let's also not turn the White House into the waffle house. We can't have that. (Applause.) We had breakfast at the Waffle House today -- a little symbolism. Very good breakfast, I might add, but there was a message in that. I don't think the American people want a President who's going to try to be all things to all people.

You know, let me put it this way. Sometimes as President you're faced with pretty tough decisions. Sometimes the phone rings at night and you've got to make a call, or in the day you've got groups coming to compete for your interest and your activities and whatever it is -- your vote. But it's a wonderful thing, the presidency of this country. I want to be elected not to keep a job, but I want to continue to try to help the young people.

Today the young people go to bed at night without the same fear of nuclear war that they had four years ago, and we helped accomplish that for the whole world. (Applause.) Today democracy is on the move to the south and across the world. And, yes, we're caught up in an international economic slowdown, and some places, a recession. But our economy -- you'd never get it from this media -- our economy is doing better than Canada and Germany and England and Japan and France. (Applause.)

And now my goal -- my goal is to make it even better still. We've got to help the people of this country. And it's the United States that's going to lead our way to economic recovery at home and to global economic recovery so we can sell more products from this state all around the world. (Applause.)

So the job is not yet finished. And, yes, we have changed the world. And, yes, I'm proud that interest rates are far less than they were when we came in and inflation under control so every senior citizen is not threatened by being wiped out by this cruelest tax of all. But we've got much to do.

So I came here today to say we are not a nation in decline. Do not listen to the pessimists -- these liberal Democrats posing as a friend of America. We are the number one nation in the world. Now help me make it even better. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: The American Dream is still alive. And let me say in conclusion the longer I am in this White House the more I understand what it means to say we are one nation under God. (Applause.) Don't you ever forget it. (Applause.)

And so with faith -- with faith and with your support, we are going to show the pundits are wrong. We are going to do what Truman did and show these pollsters don't know what they're talking about. The American people will give us this victory. Thank you -- and be sure to go to the polls. (Applause.) And may God bless -- may God bless the United States of America. Thank you very, very much. Thank you all. (Applause.)

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If we had more senators like Strom and Jesse Helms, we'd be in great shape in that Senate. (Applause.) And that's why I'm for Lauch Faircloth for the Senate -- I hope you'll send him up there and clean Senate as well as cleaning House. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Clean the House!

THE PRESIDENT: And the man says, "Clean the House," and he's right. Well, let's start by sending Coy Privette up to the Congress. (Applause.) And I also -- I served in the Congress years ago with Jim Gardner -- I want to see him elected to the governorship to continue the work Jim Martin has done. (Applause.)

And also may I salute another American great. I think you've heard from him; I hope you have. You know him, you respect him as I do -- and I'm talking about Darryl Waltrip here. What a great American, great fellow. (Applause.) We're so proud of his record and what he stands for.

It's great to be here today. I've got to ask this question: Did any of you all see that debate two nights ago or three nights ago -- whatever it was? (Applause.) Well, let me tell you something. I hope what you saw was a vast difference in philosophy, approach to this great country of ours, and I hope you saw a difference in character, because that's what's going to decide this election. (Applause.)

You know, Governor Clinton talked about his record in Arkansas, and I don't want to ruin a beautiful gathering like this, but let me just --

AUDIENCE: Please don't. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: I've got to do it. I've got to put it in perspective. Let me -- listen to this now -- facts. Arkansas rates 50th in the quality of environmental initiative; 50th in the percentage of adults with college degrees; 50th in percentage -- per capita spending on criminal justice; 49th in

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per capita spending on police protection; 48th in percentage of adults with a high school diploma; 48th in spending on corrections; 46th on teachers' salaries; 45th on the overall well-being of children. And Governor Clinton said the other night "I want to do for the country what I've done for Arkansas." We cannot let him do that. (Applause.) You cannot do that.

It's like sending some little league guy to coach the Braves. The Braves are going to win -- (applause) -- you've got the chop going. Governor Clinton's like the guy that says, well, I might be for Toronto, but on the other hand, I'm for the Braves. You've got to make a commitment. I am for the Braves. Let's be clear on that one. (Applause.)

You know, all we hear about from that Clinton-Gore outfit is change, change, change -- and that's all you'll have left in your pocket if they go in and start raising your taxes and increasing spending. (Applause.) He got a little mad at me when I pointed out what he said he wanted. He said he wants \$150 billion in new taxes, \$220 billion in new spending. And I call that trickle-down government. Big government trickling its way down to the people. Let's make it the other way -- have the people telling the government what to do. (Applause.)

I remember the last time we had the kind of change he wants to bring to Washington. I hate to bring this one up -- but how many remember the Misery Index that was invented not by us, but by the liberal Democrats -- unemployment and inflation added together. It was 21 percent. Now it's 10. How many remember what interest rates were back then when the Democrats controlled the White House and the Congress? Twenty-one percent. We cannot have that kind of change for the American people. (Applause.)

No, that's change all right. And, as I say, we can't have change for the sake of change; we've got to keep this country moving. And I want -- I've got a proposal -- it's called the Agenda for America's Renewal -- that will cut this spending down. And I'll tell you how I'm going to do it. I'm going to get this new Congress working with these congressmen here who are good and solid to give me a line-item veto to cut out some of the pork out of the budget. (Applause.)

We're going to insist to do what the people want -- give the federal government a balanced budget amendment and take the burden off the backs of these young people. (Applause.) And you want to get the deficit down? Give the taxpayer a check-off. Let the taxpayer say, okay, I'm checking this box on my income tax. Ten percent of my tax must go for reducing the deficit by reducing spending. And if they can't do it, make it mandatory. Make it obligatory. (Applause.)

A couple of other ideas. I don't believe that the answer is to pull inward; I believe we ought to open markets abroad for agriculture, for our textile products, for whatever it is. We've got the most productive workers in the world; now let's hammer out new markets, so North Carolina will continue to do what it's doing -- growing and prospering. (Applause.)

Another thing is small business. We've got some big ones right around the corner here, but small business is what drives this country. And we need less regulation, we need tax breaks, investment tax allowance. We need a capital gains incentive so small business can prosper. We do not need more Clinton-Gore big government. (Applause.)

I think every American worries about health care. And I believe our proposal to provide insurance to the poorest of the poor, to provide tax credit to the overworked and overtaxed middle class is the way to go. Because it provides the quality of our health care, keeps that; and yet, makes insurance available to all. And when you leave one job, the insurance goes

with you -- that's a very important part of it. Keep the quality of the health care, but do not let the government get in and tell us how to run health care. (Applause.)

On education -- I am proud of our record. We have 1,700 communities across the land, North Carolina in the lead and many of its communities, literally reinventing our education. And let me be clear on the big difference with Governor Clinton. I believe that the parents should be able to choose. Just as parents choose day care now because of us, let them choose the school of their choice -- public, private, or religion -- and help them get that. Help them do it. Let's try it. And that will make the public schools better. And it worked in the G.I. Bill after the war. State schools prospered. And it will work for public schools to prosper if we try something different. School choice. Let the family stay together and have a say in all of this. (Applause.)

You know, coming along this trip on the train, I was talking to the Governor and these congressmen about it. It makes me give thanks and count my blessings for those who serve in law enforcement. And I've tried to back them. Strom Thurmond here, your neighbor, has been a leader for tougher laws to go after these criminals. And we've been blocked by a soft-thinking United States Congress.

But when I see those police officers and sheriffs, people and whatever it is, I count my blessings for what they do in our neighborhood. And the other day, we had a visit from six or eight people from -- came to see me -- they were from Arkansas. And they came to give me their endorsement: The Fraternal Order of Police in Little Rock, Arkansas are backing me for President of the United States. So let's support them. Let's support our law enforcement community.

You know, the last point I want to make relates to character. I don't quite understand it when Governor Clinton said in Richmond, Virginia -- he put it this way: It's the character of the presidency, not the character of the President. I don't believe that. I believe it's both. I believe that the President influences the presidency. And I have tried to keep the public trust, and I believe Barbara has kept the public trust. (Applause.) And I don't think you can be on all sides of every issue and keep the public trust. (Applause.)

Some of these guys were talking about Desert Storm. It was a proud moment in our history, and no state did more than North Carolina when their sons and daughters went there. (Applause.) None. And let me remind you where Governor Clinton is when I had to say a prayer up at that little chapel in Camp David a couple of days before we had to commit your sons and your daughters to war. Governor Clinton was saying this as soon as that tough vote was taken a couple of weeks before that moment. He said, well, I was with -- this is a paraphrase -- I probably -- I could support the minority view, but I guess I would have voted for the majority.

If we'd have listened to that view, Saddam Hussein would be in Saudi Arabia today, controlling three-fifths of the world oil and he'd have a nuclear weapon. And because we made a tough decision that didn't play both sides of the aisle, the fourth largest army in the world was defeated by your sons and your daughters. And it's a proud moment, and don't let them try to convert it into something bad. (Applause.)

On every issue, whether it's the right to work -- one day he's on one side of it, another day when he's talking to the labor bosses he's on the other side of it. On term limits, I'm for it -- one day he says he's for it and the next day he's against it. On the free trade -- whatever it is -- he's on one side and then another.

There's a pattern here of deception. And you cannot have a President who's going to try to be all things. You've got to make the tough decision, and when you're right get a little credit if you can. But when you're wrong admit your mistakes and go on trying to lead this great country. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Let's keep him in Arkansas --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let's do that, and let's also not turn the White House into the waffle house. We can't have that. (Applause.) We had breakfast at the Waffle House today -- a little symbolism. Very good breakfast, I might add, but there was a message in that. I don't think the American people want a President who's going to try to be all things to all people.

You know, let me put it this way. Sometimes as President you're faced with pretty tough decisions. Sometimes the phone rings at night and you've got to make a call, or in the day you've got groups coming to compete for your interest and your activities and whatever it is -- your vote. But it's a wonderful thing, the presidency of this country. I want to be elected not to keep a job, but I want to continue to try to help the young people.

Today the young people go to bed at night without the same fear of nuclear war that they had four years ago, and we helped accomplish that for the whole world. (Applause.) Today democracy is on the move to the south and across the world. And, yes, we're caught up in an international economic slowdown, and some places, a recession. But our economy -- you'd never get it from this media -- our economy is doing better than Canada and Germany and England and Japan and France. (Applause.)

And now my goal -- my goal is to make it even better still. We've got to help the people of this country. And it's the United States that's going to lead our way to economic recovery at home and to global economic recovery so we can sell more products from this state all around the world. (Applause.)

So the job is not yet finished. And, yes, we have changed the world. And, yes, I'm proud that interest rates are far less than they were when we came in and inflation under control so every senior citizen is not threatened by being wiped out by this cruellest tax of all. But we've got much to do.

So I came here today to say we are not a nation in decline. Do not listen to the pessimists -- these liberal Democrats posing as a friend of America. We are the number one nation in the world. Now help me make it even better. (Applause.)

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

THE PRESIDENT: The American Dream is still alive. And let me say in conclusion the longer I am in this White House the more I understand what it means to say we are one nation under God. (Applause.) Don't you ever forget it. (Applause.)

And so with faith -- with faith and with your support, we are going to show the pundits are wrong. We are going to do what Truman did and show these pollsters don't know what they're talking about. The American people will give us this victory. Thank you -- and be sure to go to the polls. (Applause.) And may God bless -- may God bless the United States of America. Thank you very, very much. Thank you all. (Applause.)

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(Gastonia, North Carolina)

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NATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK, 1992

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

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As a vital part of our planet's ecosystem, our forests provide food and habitat for a wide range of plants and animals. These rich tracts of land also provide essential raw materials for building and other uses, and hundreds of thousands of Americans depend on them for their livelihood. Countless other citizens enjoy our forests as a beautiful setting for family camp-outs and other forms of recreation, which encourage children and adults alike to appreciate more fully the importance of conservation.

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I want to thank State Senator Bill Gormley, who came to meet us. I want to thank Governor Kean, my great leader here and a great Governor. If you had him, people would be a lot more happy in New Jersey. (Applause.)

And, of course, Mayor Joe Romano, who's standing here with me. Give him great credit for all this. (Applause.) And Lou de Marco and so many others, I am so very pleased to be here.

In 12 days, we get right down to the log. We get right down to the vote. In 12 days, the American people are going to have to decide who has the character, who do you trust to be President? And I ask for your vote on that basis. (Applause.)

We are caught up in a global recession. The United States economy is doing better than most of the economies. But we're not doing well enough. And the last thing we need is to put another liberal Democrat in there who wants to raise taxes and raise spending. (Applause.)

We have a plan, the Agenda for America's Renewal, to get us out of this economic rut. And I see the deep-six -- the luxury tax -- we don't need a luxury tax, we need less tax. (Applause.)

I hate to ruin this beautiful rally, but we've got to put things in perspective, because Governor Clinton keeps talking about -- in the debate, he said something scary. He said, "I want to do for America what I've done for Arkansas." No way. No way.

AUDIENCE: Booo!

THE PRESIDENT: In his 10 years in Arkansas, jobs, wage, income growth have lagged the nation -- every single category. He talks about reforming health care -- after 10 years with Bill Clinton, almost half of Arkansas's workers don't have employer-paid health insurance. They are 49th in the entire nation. Don't let him do that to the United States. (Applause.)

Arkansas ranks 50th in the nation in the percentage of adults with high school diplomas -- 50th. Three out of four Arkansas

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students after they graduate from high school, go to college, and then they need remedial education, relearning what they're supposed to learn in high school. They are good people down there. They deserve better leadership.

And the nonpartisan Corporation for Enterprise Development gave Arkansas failing grades for economic development, an "F" for employment, an "F" for high technology, an "F" for economic development. We cannot let him do that to the rest of the country. (Applause.)

And now he's campaigning across the country saying he's the candidate for change. Yes, he wants to raise taxes by \$150 billion. He wants to raise spending by \$220 billion. You listen to that kind of change, and that's all you'll have left in your pocket -- change. We don't need it. (Applause.)

The guy's all over the field. Yesterday he was out there in the west someplace saying it would be hypothetical to discuss what programs he would cut to pay for all these promises. Well, someone's going to have to pay the bill, and it won't be a hypothetical taxpayer. You cannot get all the money he wants to spend from the rich and from the middle class. He's going right after your wallet, man. If you hold a job on Main Street here, he's going after you. So button it up and vote for me. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Bush! Bush! Bush! Bush!

THE PRESIDENT: You saw it. I'm not just making this up. You saw it when Governor Florio came in here, working with that legislature.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: You saw what happened. Don't do it to the country. Do not do it to the country.

The last time that Governor Clinton is talking about -- well, we really need change. He wants to put the White House in the same hands of the big spenders in Congress. The last time we had this, do you remember what the Misery Index was? They invented it -- 20 percent; it's now 10 percent. Do you remember what the interest rates were? Twenty-one and a half percent, with Carter in the White House and the libs controlling the Congress. We cannot go back. We have got to go forward by getting government spending down and our taxes down. (Applause.)

I think New Jersey, because I think of you all as a great export state. You're broadminded. You look around and send a lot of New Jersey products all around the world. We must open more markets abroad so the productive workers in New Jersey can sell your products all around the world. Do not turn in, turn out. We are the leaders in the world. (Applause.)

There's 72,000 jobs in New Jersey tied to exports, 225,000 jobs to foreign investment of one kind or another. And Bill Clinton waffles on free trade -- tax foreign investment, threatening 4.5 million U.S. jobs by socking it to them. And you've got to open markets. You've got to encourage investments. And I want to open these new markets and encourage our workers. We can outcompete anyone, anywhere in the world. I have confidence in America. (Applause.)

You look around this town and you'll see that it is small business that employs people. Not the big ones -- they do their part -- but it's the small ones that create new jobs and new opportunity. So what I propose for small business is to give them relief from excessive taxation, relief from regulation, and relief from these crazy lawsuits that get inflicted on the people. (Applause.)

It's a sad thing in this country when doctors are afraid to deliver babies in case some of these crazy lawsuits going to come in and sue them; or somebody doesn't want to coach Little League for afraid they're going to get sued; or when somebody's riding along the highway and sees an accident, they don't want to stop and help the person that's hurt because they're afraid some crazy trial lawyer's going to come along and sue. We've got to sue each other less and care for each other more. (Applause.)

I am very proud of Governor Tom Kean's record when he was Governor on education. He was forward-looking. And now he's part of the leadership on a program called America 2000. It puts the power in the hands of the teachers and the local communities. It bypasses the power union that thinks it's speaking for the teachers. It puts the hands in -- the power in the hands of the people.

And we are literally going to revolutionize education. And one way we're going to do it is this: We're going to do it like the G.I. Bill worked. And I have a G.I. bill for kids. And we're going to say to parents: The power should be in your hands. We are going to help you financially to choose the school of your choice -- public, private or religious. (Applause.)

We've got a good program on health care. Give me a couple of more congressmen like Frank here and we'll get that job done. (Applause.) What it says is, don't throw the baby out with the bathwater, keep insurance going for everybody. Help the poorest of the poor; tax breaks for the middle class; create insurance pools; and leave the government out of the insurance business; and get the private citizens involved so everyone has insurance for health care. (Applause.)

I've got a real big difference -- I've got a tremendous difference with Governor Clinton on law enforcement. I see these police officers out here, and I think we ought to support them more, and a little less concern for the criminals. The other day -- one of the great visits I've had as President -- when people come to the Oval Office -- this was about six or eight guys came up to see me. They were all members of the Fraternal Order of Police. They endorsed me, and they were from Little Rock, Arkansas. (Applause.)

Eight-five percent of the criminals that are sentenced under federal law fulfill their full term; and in Arkansas, 20% do. The rest of them get going out of there, and they shouldn't do that. We've got to be tougher on the criminal. And don't listen to the liberals who want to tell it the other way around. (Applause.)

Governor Clinton talks about taxing more and spending more. Let me tell you what I want to do. Here's a four-point program for you: Give a me a balanced budget amendment and make us get that deficit down. (Applause.) Give the taxpayers that are concerned about the deficit a 10 percent -- check on a box -- 10 percent of your income. And if you want to apply that to the deficit, then that law will compel the Congress to cut spending by that amount. And we can get the deficit down by letting the people do the job that Congress has been unwilling to do. (Applause.)

And the last thing we got to do -- and one of the others -- is to give us a line-item veto. Let the President cut through this pork. (Applause.)

And the fourth point -- and I like this one -- is, you know, presidents serve limited terms. And one way to give the Congress back to the people is to have term limits for this Congress. (Applause.)

But I think the reason I'll win this election is going to boil down in the last two weeks, as all elections do, to character and to trust. You know, Justice Hugo Black -- I mentioned this -- did any of you see that debate out there in -- all right. I mentioned this. I believe that great nations like great men should keep their word. And my argument with Governor Clinton is he tries

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to be all things to all people. In the Oval Office you cannot do that. But you have to make the tough decision. If you make a mistake, you say, listen, I made a mistake, let's go forward. But you cannot lie, and you can't be all things to all people.

And over and over again, Governor Clinton is trying to be all things to all people. On free trade, first he was for it, then he hadn't made up his mind, now he's for it - maybe. On the Persian Gulf, here's what he said, he said, "I agree with the arguments of the minority but then again I," -- "I guess I would have voted for the majority. If we'd have listened to that kind of waffle, Saddam Hussein would control the world's oil and have a nuclear bomb. We kicked him out. (Applause.)

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

THE PRESIDENT: You know, if I'd have stood here in Vineland -- if I'd have stood here in Vineland four years ago and said that Soviet communism would be dead; and said that Eastern Europe would be democratic; and said that ancient enemies were talking peace around the world; and said to these kids four years ago, we are going to reduce, if not all but eliminate the threat of nuclear war, you would have said not only is he smoking, but he's inhaling. (Applause.) And all that has happened. All that has happened.

But there are still -- the Soviet bear may be gone. And, yes, we've changed the world dramatically and made it better. But there are still some threats out there. And so I want to keep this country strong and now I want to use that leadership that has literally changed the world; lift up the American worker; guarantee these kids that they are going to have a better future. And it can't be done by waffling, it's got to be done through leadership. (Applause.)

I'm very sorry that Barbara Bush isn't here because I think we've got a great First Lady and I want to see her stay there. (Applause.) But she and I have tried very hard to keep the public trust -- to take the trust you placed in us and live with dignity and honor in that White House. And now that -- some say to me well, why do you want to be President? It's not a question of wanting to be President, it's a question of finishing the job for the young people here today. (Applause.) And I am going to win this election. Don't listen to these nutty pollsters trying to tell you how to think. (Applause.)

I wonder how many people out here have ever been called by a pollster. Well not very many show a hand -- one guy. We got about 10,000, 15,000 people here. I don't know who they talk to, but they're inhaling, and we're going to win this election. (Applause.)

Thank you. Thank you, and may God bless the United States of America.

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AUDIENCE: Booo!

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The guy's all over the field. Yesterday he was out there in the west someplace saying it would be hypothetical to discuss what programs he would cut to pay for all these promises. Well, someone's going to have to pay the bill, and it won't be a hypothetical taxpayer. You cannot get all the money he wants to spend from the rich and from the middle class. He's going right after your wallet, man. If you hold a job on Main Street here, he's going after you. So button it up and vote for me. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Bush! Bush! Bush! Bush!

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AUDIENCE: Booo --

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The last time that Governor Clinton is talking about -- well, we really need change. He wants to put the White House in the same hands of the big spenders in Congress. The last time we had this, do you remember what the Misery Index was? They invented it -- 20 percent; it's now 10 percent. Do you remember what the interest rates were? Twenty-one and a half percent, with Carter in the White House and the libs controlling the Congress. We cannot go back. We have got to go forward by getting government spending down and our taxes down. (Applause.)

I think New Jersey, because I think of you all as a great export state. You're broadminded. You look around and send a lot of New Jersey products all around the world. We must open more markets abroad so the productive workers in New Jersey can sell your products all around the world. Do not turn in, turn out. We are the leaders in the world. (Applause.)

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And the last thing we got to do -- and one of the others -- is to give us a line-item veto. Let the President cut through this pork. (Applause.)

And the fourth point -- and I like this one -- is, you know, presidents serve limited terms. And one way to give the Congress back to the people is to have term limits for this Congress. (Applause.)

But I think the reason I'll win this election is going to boil down in the last two weeks, as all elections do, to character and to trust. You know, Justice Hugo Black -- I mentioned this -- did any of you see that debate out there in -- all right. I mentioned this, I believe that great nations like great men should keep their word. And my argument with Governor Clinton is he tries

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to be all things to all people. In the oval office you cannot do that. But you have to make the tough decision. If you make a mistake, you say, listen, I made a mistake, let's go forward. But you cannot lie, and you can't be all things to all people.

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These decisions are not easy, but you cannot be waffling on one house -- we cannot let him make the White House into the waffle house. I went down there and had a little breakfast there at the waffle house in North Carolina to get the point across. You cannot be all things to all people.

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

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Thank you all, and may God bless the United States of America. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Ridgewood, New Jersey)

For Immediate Release

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Cornelia, Georgia

4:15 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very much. Thank you. four more. Thank you all very, very much. Thank you for this great Cornelia, Georgia welcome. It's a beautiful day in Georgia, and it's a bright day for the United States. We are going to win this election. (Applause.)

You know, all across the country I see signs, "Clean House." I'd like to see a new congressman in Washington -- Dan Becker. But while we're talking about it, while we're talking about it, let's do something great -- let's clean Senate and send Paul Coverdell to the United States Senate. (Applause.)

I was so pleased to be accompanied on this trip by one of the truly great American public figures -- Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina. What a great American he is. (Applause.) And also proud to have at my side in this campaign, as in the last, one of the great young, upcoming governors of the country, Governor Carroll Campbell of South Carolina. (Applause.)

And may I thank Russ Spangler for arranging all of this, being our master of ceremonies. And let me say this. I am sorry that she's not with us. She was in Norcross and is now off in another state, but I think in Barbara Bush we have the best First Lady in a long, long time. And she sends her love. (Applause.) And she sends her love. And let me put it this way: It's great to be in the land of the free and the home of the Braves. (Applause.) Chop 'em.

Forget all these polls. Forget them. We are going to win on Election Day. We're going to show America it ain't over til Cabrera swings. (Applause.) And by the way, I'll make a confession. I don't like -- I don't watch them anymore -- I don't like these Sunday morning inside-the-beltway talk shows emanating from Washington. And I'm going to sic Rick Flair on some of those talking heads. (Applause.) And I'm glad he's here with us today. Great American sports figure and a wonderful guy.

Now, I've got to ask you a question: Did anyone see the debate last night? (Applause.) Well, it seems to me we had a good, clean shot to go right into the living rooms across Georgia and across the United States, and to lay out a choice for the American people -- a vast difference in experience, a vast difference in the philosophy, and a vast difference in character among those who want to be President. (Applause.) A scary moment in the debate came when Governor Clinton said "I want to do for America what I've done to Arkansas." (Laughter.) We can't let that happen.

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It is my belief that government taxes too much and spends too much and help me right-size the Congress, right-size the federal Executive Branch, and right-size the government. With the new members of Congress coming there, we are going to be able to sit down with them and change things and protect the taxpayer and the young people of this country. (Applause.)

I want to create more jobs. Exports have saved us. We have the most productive workers in the entire world, and I want to see us create more jobs in this country that will sell more competitively abroad. We can do it, and I believe we will. (Applause.)

We've got to reform our health care system. I think it's a crying shame that doctors don't dare deliver babies because they're afraid of a lawsuit, or some of you guys won't coach Little League because you're worried some nutty parent's going to sue you, or some lawyer will get ahold of them. Or you pass an automobile accident on the street, and you're afraid to stop and help somebody because you're afraid a lawyer will come along, get the family of the victim to sue you. We can't do that. We've got to sue each other less and care for each other more. And I need your help to make that change in this country. (Applause.)

The hope of the country is the young people here. The hope of the country are the Raiders. (Applause.) And we ought to give them the best possible education. And that's why I favor school choice for parents -- public, private or religious schools. Help the parents strengthen the American family. The liberals don't like it when I talk about family values, but let me tell you something: When you come here to the state of Georgia, I think the nation understands what I mean. We need to strengthen the American family through choice, teaching discipline, respect for the law enforcement officers. Help me strengthen the American family. (Applause.) And one way you do that is by getting better, tougher anticrime legislation.

Let me tell you this: In Arkansas, people go to jail, and they spend 20 percent of their term in jail. Under the federal law, it's 85 percent. Let's pass some laws that have a little more concern for the police officers and the victims of crime and a little less for the criminals. (Applause.)

You know, one of the great meetings -- I have been privileged to be your President and have a lot of fascinating meetings in that marvelous Oval Office. And one of the very best was when I met with eight men from Little Rock, Arkansas the other day. Grassroots -- they could be the neighbors of everybody here in Cornelia. They came and said, we are for you, and they were the Fraternal Order of Police of Little Rock, Arkansas. That says something about who's going to support the law enforcement. (Applause.)

Now, give me your help in this next term in reforming the government. Give me a balanced budget amendment. Make us live within our means. (Applause.) Give me a check-off that says every taxpayer can check up to 10 percent of his tax returns to go to lowering the deficit, and make the Congress adjust. And if they won't, cut it across the board. Give the people the power. And give me those line-item vetoes so I can cut out the pork and protect you, the taxpayer.

And while we're at it, I'd like to see term limits for the United States Congress. They've been around there too long. (Applause.) The President of the -- the presidency's term is limited. Let's give the Congress back to the people by limiting those terms. (Applause.)

You know, I had a chance last night in the debate to point it out, but Governor Clinton in the Richmond debate says, it's not the character of the President, it is the character of the presidency. Let me tell you something. They are inseparable. They are locked. And Barbara and I have tried to be good stewards and custodian of the American Dream and of that precious White House. And we have exemplified, I hope, enough courage and enough statesmanship to merit the trust of the American people.

But character is important, and you cannot in that Oval Office be all things to all people. You go forward, and if you make a mistake, you say, hey, listen, I was wrong about that one. But you keep on going serving the people. And Governor Clinton tries to be on every side of every issue. And you cannot have that as President of the United States. (Applause.)

I am very proud of the courage and backing I got from Georgia when I had the toughest decision of my life to make. And that is whether you send somebody else's son or daughter to fight for this country. I fought for my country, and that helped. But I'll say to you as President, it is not an easy decision. And Georgia backed me. The people here did.

But Governor Clinton said, well, I agreed with the minority -- meaning let sanctions work and all of that; let's not commit ourselves -- but on the other hand, I would have voted with the majority. You cannot waffle as President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

If he were a baseball fan he'd say, well, I'm for the Blue Jays. But then, on the other hand, I may be for the Braves. I'm for the Braves -- taking a firm commitment here. (Applause.) Give it to 'em. (Applause.) You're right.

Let me say this -- (applause) -- it's like Harry -- remember Harry Truman -- they'd say "Give him hell, Harry." And he said "Look, I just tell the truth and they think it's hell." I just tell the truth and he thinks it's hell. (Applause.)

You know, I believe we're going to win this election. I'm absolutely confident in my heart of hearts. (Applause.) Don't believe these crazy polls. Don't believe these nutty pollsters. Don't let these guys tell you what you think. You have a debate, you see what you think. And then two seconds later some crackpot comes on and tells you what you think. We don't need that in the United States. (Applause.) They don't like it, but that's the truth.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Four more -- that's what we need to get this job done.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Let me tell you something. You know, these days have been some difficult times. I've been blessed. You saw one of my sons here and my twin granddaughters here. And like a lot of people in this audience, I've been blessed by strong family -- a wonderful wife to back you up when the going is tough. I want to serve four more years because I really want to help people.

I think we've got the best answer in health care. I think we've got the best answer in education. And there's another reason: I don't believe for one single minute that this nation is a nation in decline. I've served. I understand the world. We're caught in something international here, and it is the United States of America that is going to lead the way to better lives for our people here, but also for a better world. And I want to continue this job.

I am grateful that these high school kids here -- (applause) -- go to bed at night without the same fear of nuclear war that their older brothers and their sisters had. And that happened under my presidency. (Applause.)

And so don't let people try to get into the White House by saying everything that is wrong with this great country. We are the greatest, the fairest, the best nation on the face of the Earth. And may God bless our country. (Applause.) And thank you for this tremendous support. (Applause.) Thank you so much. I'll never forget it. (Applause.) A wonderful day in Georgia. (Applause.) Thank you. This gets me fired up for the next one. I can't tell you what this has done for my spirits. Thank you very, very much. (Applause.) God bless you all. Thank you.

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**MATERIALS FORWARDED TO THE PRESIDENT
October 22, 1992**

ACTION

1. Gift Letter.
2. Mail Sample.
3. Photo for Signature for Congressman Jimmy Quillen (R-TN).
4. H.R. 1101 -- Private Relief - William A. Cassity.
5. H.R. 1216 -- Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Access and Enhancement Act.
6. H.R. 2156 -- Private Relief -- William A. Proffitt.
7. H.R. 4489 -- Tacoma, Washington, Land Exchange.
8. H.R. 4771 -- Esel D. Bell Post Office Building.
9. H.R. 4999 -- Pennsylvania Avenue Development Plan Authorization.
10. H.R. 5013 -- Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992.
11. H.R. 5122 -- Jicarilla Apache Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act.
12. H.R. 5164 -- Private Relief - Criag B. Sorensen and Nita Sorensen.
13. H.R. 5222 -- Robert A. Grant Federal Building and Courthouse.
14. H.R. 5291 -- South Gate, California, Land Use.
15. H.R. 5328 -- Title 35 U.S.C. Amendments.
16. H.R. 5431 -- Robert A. Roe Federal Building -- Paterson, N.J.
17. H.R. 5453 -- Clifton Merriman Post Office.
18. H.R. 5479 -- Helen Day U.S. Post Office.
19. H.R. 5572 -- Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.
20. H.R. 5575 -- Library of Congress Land Use.
21. H.R. 5602 -- Interstate Rail Passenger Network Compact.

22. H.R. 5605 -- Cedar River Watershed Land Exchange Act of 1992.
23. H.R. 5749 -- Private Relief - Krishanthi Sava Kopp.
24. H.R. 5998 -- For the Relief of the Wilkinson County School District, MS.
25. H.R. 6000 -- Ed Jenkins Nat'l Recreation Area.
26. H.R. 6072 -- Kenai Alaska Natives Land Rights Settlement.
27. H.R. 6165 -- Thomas Paine Memorial - D.C.
28. H.R. 6179 -- Wild and Scenic Rivers Amendments.
29. H.R. 6184 -- American Discovery Trail Feasibility Study.
30. S. 1146 -- Scientific and Advanced-Technology Act of 1992.
31. S. 1181 -- Private Relief - Christy Carl Hallien.
32. S. 1530 -- Indian Employment, Training and Related Services, Demonstration Act of 1992.
33. S. 2625 -- Mitchell H. Cohen U.S. Courthouse.
34. S. 2661 -- Birth of Thomas Jefferson 250th Anniversary Commemorative Medal.
35. S. 2834 -- John J. Williams Post Office -- Millsboro, Delaware.
36. S.J. 218 -- Year of American Craft.
37. S.J. 252 -- National Credit Education Week.
38. H.R. 2181 -- Cuyahoga National REcreation ARea Land Exchange - Ohio.
39. H.R. 2431 -- Wild and Scenic Rivers Amendment - Lower Merced River, California.
40. H.R. 3118 -- Theodore Roosevelt Federal Building.
41. H.R. 3818 -- George Young U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building.
42. H.R. 4281 -- Ronald Reagan Building.
43. H.J. Res. 353 -- Braille Literacy Week.

44. H.J. Res. 399 -- National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week.
45. H.J. Res. 457 -- Religious Freedom Day.
46. H.J. Res. 467 -- National Red Ribbon Week for a Drug-Free America.
47. H.J. Res. 484 -- National Visiting Nurse Assoc. Week.
48. H.J. Res. 489 -- American Wine Appreciation Week.
49. H.J. Res. 500 -- Irish-American Heritage Month.
50. H.J. Res. 520 -- Country Music Month.
51. H.J. Res. 523 -- National Firefighters Day.
52. H.J. Res. 543 -- National Education First Week.
53. H.J. Res. 547 -- National Walking Week.
54. H.J. Res. 563 -- Providing for the Convening of the 103rd Congress.
55. H.R. 4539 -- Larkin I. Smith General Mail Facility/Post Office.
56. H.R. 5751 -- U.S.I.A. Materials Distribution.
57. H.R. 5831 -- Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Building.
58. H.R. 5923 -- Private Relief -- Anna Massari.
59. H.R. 6049 -- Congressional Award Act Amendments of 1992.
60. H.R. 5432 -- John Paul Hammerschmidt Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse.
61. S.J. Res. 166 -- National Customer Service Week.
62. H.R. 240 -- Private Relief -- Rodgito Keller.

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INFORMATION

1. Demarest Memo re High-Tech Industry Executives Supporting Your Re-Election.
2. Baker Memo to General Scowcroft re Martinez Report.
3. Bob Grady memo and page from DOT re New Jersey Noise Pollution Issue (sent to David Bates).

REMARKS

1. Vessey POW-MIA Remarks (sent to David Bates).
2. Cuban Democracy Act Signing, Miami, FL (to Residence with schedule).

SCHEDULE

1. And accompanying briefing paper for White House event on Friday, 10/23.

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Aboard Air Force One

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NJ to DC.
Oct 22, 1992

Dear Laura -

Herewith 2 notes for
2 wonderful girls.

It really added to
the trip in a wonderful
way having you 3 along.

Until I saw Tenna
in action I thought I
had a high energy level.
Tenna was great and
Barbara was great.

You are

magnificent with
them.

Thanks. When
Georgia & So. Carolina
come our way, you
& the granddaughters
can say "We did it!"

Devotedly

GB



THE PRESIDENT

New Jersey
Oct-22 '92

Dear Tenna,

Thank you for
campaigning with us on
that train. You are
a great campaigner

the crowd.
May thanks. You
helped us to victory
122 votes, Garry

I probably should
have let you sing
"Reaching Breakout" to



Ina choppen
New Jersey
Oct 22 '92

Dear Barbara,

Thanks for cam-
panying on the train
with us. You are a very
good campaigner. Next

Have you seen the
speech and I'll

church -

Now I am in N.Y.

It's a pretty day; and
the crowds are good. Love
- I think Devotedly Garry



News Summary

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TRIP NEWS

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(Raleigh News And Observer, AP)

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(New York Times)

ON TRAIN, PRESIDENT DRAWS STRENGTH FOR STRETCH RUN -- For two days, President Bush watched the South go by from the back of a train, stopping in small towns for the biggest crowds of his re-election campaign, and drawing sustenance for the final stretch run to Nov. 3.
(Reuter)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

WORLD TRADE TALKS SUFFER NEW SETBACK -- Negotiators from the U.S. and Europe Wednesday all but gave up in their latest effort to resolve a long-running dispute on the future of international trade reforms, making a breakthrough before the U.S. election unlikely, trade officials said.
(Washington Post)

NETWORK NEWS (Wednesday evening)

CAMPAIGN -- The President was on his whistlestop tour of three states, keeping a brutal schedule of rallies from dawn to darkness.

CAMPAIGN/IRAQ -- The State Dept. said President Bush was wrong when he insisted in Monday's debate that no U.S. technology was involved in Saddam's nuclear-weapons program.

CAMPAIGN/WALL STREET -- Wall Street insiders are betting on Bill Clinton.

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Sen. Helms hailed Bush as a man who "has paid his dues to his country," and the president was cheered lustily by the largest crowd of his two-day whistle stop campaign trip from Atlanta to Raleigh.

"We are in a global recession, a global slowdown," Bush said, "and the United States' economy is doing better than most of the European countries -- Japan, Germany, Canada, you name it."

In his speech, Bush spoke in broad strokes of his economic platform, mentioning in particular tax incentives to help small businesses increase exports. Pointing to children in his audience, the President said, "We're going to lift this country up."

(Ferrel Guillory, Raleigh News And Observer)

Bush Whistlestops In South, Trying To Win Back His Base

THOMASVILLE -- Struggling to catch up in traditionally Republican strongholds, President Bush tried to revive memories of Harry Truman's comeback Wednesday and argued that America's ailing economy is not as bad as that in other countries.

"We are going to do what Truman did and show these pollsters don't know what they are talking about," said Bush. "The American people will give us this victory."

At the same time he voiced confidence, he suggested the difficulties he's faced. "Were in a real fight, let's put it that way," he told ABC News. "Nobody ever said it would be easy, and it isn't, but it's worth the fight." (Terence Hunt, AP)

PRESIDENT TELLS LARGE N.C. CROWD HE CAN STILL WIN

CHARLOTTE -- President Bush whistlestopped across North Carolina on Wednesday, ridiculing Bill Clinton as a flip-flopper and urging crowds to ignore "nutty pollsters" who say the Arkansas governor is way ahead.

Wearing an Atlanta Braves jacket and waving, Harry Truman-style, from the back of an observation car, Bush told thousands of supporters in Gaston and Cabarrus counties to expect a come-from-behind victory Nov. 3.

"We're gonna do what Truman did and show that these pollsters don't know what they're talking about," Bush told a crowd of about 10,000 in Kannapolis.

The President also pressed the underdog theme in Ranlo, a Gaston County town whose population jumped from 1,800 to more than 16,400 for a few hours.

"Don't believe these nutty pollsters," he shouted.

(Tim Funk and Jim Wrinn, Charlotte Observer, A1)

ON TRAIN, PRESIDENT DRAWS STRENGTH FOR STRETCH RUN

RALEIGH -- For two days, President Bush watched the South go by from the back of a train, stopping in small towns for the biggest crowds of his re-election campaign, and drawing sustenance for the final stretch run to Nov. 3.

Perhaps Bush's stubborn, never-say-die approach against the toughest odds he's ever faced in politics was best summed up by an exchange with a man along the railroad track, one of thousands he waved to and greeted during a 436-mile whistlestop train tour.

"I don't think so," the man shouted at Bush.

"I DO think so, old fella," the President yelled back as his train rolled on. (Steve Holland, Reuter)

**PRESIDENT, AFTER 10 COOL MONTHS,
IS CATCHING FIRE AS A CAMPAIGNER
Bush Finally Warms To Message: Trust And Taxes**

RALEIGH -- As President Bush likes to say, this is a weird election year, and now comes the latest surprise: after 10 torpid months, Bush has suddenly reawakened as a fist-shaking, stem-winding presidential candidate.

On a two-day train trip through the South this week, the President seems finally to have found a message he believes strikes a chord. Bill Clinton cannot be trusted with the White House, he says -- "a pattern of deception" is the refrain at each whistle stop -- and President Bill Clinton would raise taxes on working men and women. (Michael Wines, New York Times, A1)

**BUSH UPBEAT ON SOUTHERN TOUR
As President Talks Of Upset, Advisers Clash Over Mistakes**

RALEIGH -- Seeing hand-printed signs saying "Go Bush" and hearing enthusiastic supporters yell "Four more years," President Bush ended his Southern whistle-stop tour Wednesday ready for an upset.

Bolstered by his strong performance in Monday's debate and the report of a resulting bump in the polls, Bush's spirits soared during the two days of railway visits to Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

The President got a rip-roaring welcome on his last stop at the North Carolina State Fair here Wednesday night, where more than 50,000 people cheered Bush after rousing introductions by Richard Petty and Sen. Helms.

Despite the President's rising spirits, several of his advisers bickered over who will be to blame if Bush loses to Clinton.

Leading the finger-pointing were two Republican governors, Carroll Campbell and James Martin. Campbell said that 12 years of GOP control of the White House had made Republicans fat and lazy and, as result, the GOP let its base of grass-roots supporters dry up.

Bush-Quayle '92 campaign officials, meanwhile, charged that the White House held them back from organizing. "We wanted to start a year ago, but Bush and his staff said no," a campaign official said. (Paul Bedard, Washington Times, A1)

BUSH HAMMERS CLINTON IN CAMPAIGN SWING IN SOUTH

BURLINGTON -- President Bush told a throng of Burlington supporters Wednesday there is "a vast difference in experience, philosophy and, yes, a difference in character" between himself and Bill Clinton. "What a magnificent crowd," Bush said speaking from the rear of the "Spirit of America" train that brought him to Burlington at 5:15 p.m. From his vantage point, he apparently could see most of the 14,000 fans and spectators. The President used the historic whistlestop...to hammer away at Clinton. "You've got to look closely at what (Clinton) is offering -- \$150 billion in new taxes and \$220 billion in new spending. I call that trickle-down government. We don't need that," Bush said. "Hold onto your wallets: He's coming after you."

(Jim Wicker, Burlington Times-News)

**FOR BUSH, BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS
IS A DISH DRIPPING WITH SYMBOLISM**

THOMASVILLE -- On the second day of his whistlestop tour, President Bush woke up with one of those strange food cravings that just have to be satisfied. He wanted waffles. Why else would the leader of the free world have found himself as the counter of a Waffle House in Spartanburg, S.C., this morning, gobbling a waffle drenched in butter and trading riddles with fellow breakfasters?

Not because Bush has been bashing Bill Clinton as a waffler. Surely it has nothing to do with the fact that one of his favorite lines is the threat that Bill Clinton would turn the White House into, yes, a Waffle House.... By Kannapolis, N.C., two stops away, Bush heeded entreaties of television reporters desperate for a sound bite to go with the waffle video. "We had breakfast at the Waffle House today, a little symbolism," Bush said. "Very good breakfast, I might add, but there was a message in that. I don't think the American people want a president who's going to try to be all things to all people." (Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, A15)

BUSH HEADS NORTH TO GARNER NEW JERSEY VOTES

RALEIGH -- A two-day effort to shore up his southern flank at an end, President Bush turns his attention Thursday back to New Jersey, another state he can't afford to ignore.

The quick trip north -- one of many in recent months and featuring three rallies and an hour-long live radio interview -- was added near the conclusion of Bush's picture-perfect swing by passenger train through three southern states he also took for granted in 1988.... At a concluding rally in Raleigh, N.C., Wednesday night, Bush continued to hammer Bill Clinton for indecisiveness and what he called a persistent "pattern of deception." Before a rowdy crowd of some 18,000 at the North Carolina State Fair, he alluded to a recent comeback effort by race car driver Richard Petty, who stood at his side. "Fourteen laps behind and ending up four ahead," Bush cried. "I like it." It was that come-from-behind message Bush preached throughout the two days in small towns in the once-safe South. Opening his final drive for reelection, the embattled president strove to fend off polls that place him far behind Clinton in state after state, and predictions that he is unlikely to make the striking comeback it will take for a second term.

(Lori Santos, UPI)

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NATIONAL NEWS

QUAYLE STUMPS IN STATE; GOP STILL HOPES FOR WIN

SPRING ARBOR, Mich. -- Vice President Quayle stumped conservative college students and other supporters Wednesday, hoping to draw those voters to the polls in less than two weeks and stage a surprise victory for President Bush.

Quayle appeared before about 300 people on the independent Free Methodist college campus with Gov. Engler, who toppled an apparently popular incumbent two years ago. Quayle pointed to Engler and suggested the pundits predicting the demise of the Republican ticket are wrong.

"Don't believe all the experts," said Quayle. "If we believed the experts, John Engler wouldn't be here today."

"We may be behind in the polls today but come Nov. 3, we're going to be winning going away." (Rick Pluta, UPI)

BUSH CAMP WINS RULING BUT PULLS TIME COVER AD

A federal judge rejected a request for a temporary restraining order to prevent the Bush-Quayle campaign from broadcasting an ad using Time cover. But the issue is moot because the ad has been pulled.

U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell said Time probably would not have won its lawsuit and that issuing a temporary restraining order would have violated the First Amendment.

Gesell said the so-called fair-use doctrine gives the campaign the right to show the magazine cover in its ad.

(Michael York, Washington Post, A15)

S.C. GOVERNOR: BUSH HURT BY '96 HOPEFULS

Gov. Campbell says some Republican stars are shirking their campaign duty, thinking a President Bush loss will help their own ambitions.

"We've got too many Republicans out there running for president right now," Campbell said curtly when asked why Bush cannot close the gap in national polls.

"They think their best shot in 1996 is if George Bush doesn't win."

He would not name names.

"You can figure out who I'm talking about," he said. But Carroll is said to be privately critical of Secretary Kemp.

("Election '92," USA Today, 7A)

FROHNMAYER'S REVENGE

Describing himself as a disenfranchised Republican, John Frohnmayer has endorsed Bill Clinton for president.

Frohnmayer, still smarting from being pushed out of office, accused President Bush of dividing the country in his desperation to get re-elected. ("Inside the Beltway," Washington Times, A6)

DAILY TRACKING POLL

The USA Today/CNN/Gallup daily tracking poll has Bill Clinton at 45%, President Bush at 32% and Ross Perot at 15%.

("Election '92," USA Today, 7A)

CLINTON'S LEAD NARROWS A BIT

Bill Clinton's lead in the polls narrowed slightly Wednesday as President Bush predicted a come-from-behind victory.

But in a new sign that the nation's economic woes still bode ill for the President's re-election bid, ABC News reported that consumer confidence slipped to near-record levels and Clinton slammed the President's economic policies during a campaign swing into traditionally Republican turf.

ABC News said its latest poll showed Clinton with a 12-point lead, down from the 18-point lead he held Saturday.

The network's latest poll gave Clinton 44% to 32% for Bush and 16% for Ross Perot.

But ABC's latest survey of consumer confidence found that a near-record 92 percent reported feeling the economy was either "not good" or "poor" while a record 55% reported their own finances were "not good" or "poor."

The network put its consumer confidence index at minus 48 -- two points short of its record low of minus 50 set Feb. 9.

(Deborah Zabarenko, Reuter)

CLINTON CAMPAIGNS IN WEST FOR REPUBLICAN SUPPORT

CHEYENNE -- Looking and sounding confident, Bill Clinton campaigned in Republican-dominated Western states Wednesday, searching for a popular mandate for his economic programs by pledging a "can-do government."

"We don't want bigger government," Clinton told an enthusiastic airport rally in Cheyenne, "but we want the one that we have to work for a change for all Americans."

At his stops, he stressed his campaign theme of tax relief for the middle class and programs to improve the economy through business incentives and "no more trickle-down economics."

"I believe in can-do government," Clinton told a rally of about 5,000 people in Pueblo, Colo. "It's time to bring can-do government back to the White House." (Michael Posner, Reuter)

Clinton Takes His Case To GOP's Western Stronghold

PUEBLO -- With the Bush campaign laboring to portray him as the usual tax-and-spend liberal, Bill Clinton Wednesday used electoral geography and flat denials to make his "different Democrat" case. Clinton arrived here at midday to launch his "winning the West" tour through Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and California. Clinton, using the scenic geography of the West as a backdrop, said western voters should find his policies as acceptable as Democrats in traditional Democratic states do....

Clinton launched into his standard stump speech attacking "trickle-down economics" of the GOP years and the lack of health care and children's programs. "No more trickle-down, but not tax-and-spend either," he said. (Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A16)

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PEROT AD BLITZ TO SHOW HE'S 'IN IT TO WIN'
Post-Debate Boost In Polls May Spur Campaign Tour

DALLAS -- Buoyed by the reaction to his performance in the presidential debates, Ross Perot Wednesday launched a new advertising blitz designed to combat the notion that people would waste their votes if they supported him.

Perot campaign officials predicted Perot would stump the country in the final days before the election, a market departure from the interviews, TV advertising and debates that have been his only campaigning since he reentered the race three weeks ago.

The change in tactics comes after public and private polls have begun to show Perot's support increasing -- largely at Bill Clinton's expense. The latest evidence was an ABC News poll, released Wednesday night, that showed Perot's support rising from 11% to 19% among 710 registered voters who had watched Monday's debate. Clinton's support dropped from 52% to 48%; President Bush's held at 29%. Undecided dropped from 8 to 4 percent.

(David Broder, Washington Post, A1)

A WEALTH OF TAX BREAKS
Congressional Bill Appeals To Array Of Interests

After the riots last spring in Los Angeles, Congress went to work on legislation to help big cities address their problems. But the legislation grew into a \$27 billion tax bill that makes winners out of a wider range of Americans....

A White House official said Wednesday night that Bush remains determined to veto the bill, regardless of when it reaches his desk.

Rep. Rostenkowski said through a spokesman Wednesday that he would "do whatever we can do to maximize the possibility" of the President signing the bill.

(Albert Crenshaw and Eric Pianin, Washington Post, A1)

FETAL-TISSUE RESEARCH BAN CHALLENGED
Medical, College Groups File Suit
After Legislative Effort Is Vetoed

A group of five medical foundations and college associations filed suit in U.S. District Court Wednesday seeking to overturn the Bush Administration's refusal to fund research using fetal tissue from induced abortions.

The groups, which include the United Parkinson Foundation and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International, allege in their complaint that Secretary Sullivan in 1989 unlawfully made permanent the Reagan administration's moratorium on funding clinical research using aborted fetuses. Other plaintiffs are the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, the Association of American Medical Colleges and the Association of American Universities.

(Michael York, Washington Post, A29)

BUSH'S AUTO INSURANCE PLAN DRAWS MORE CRITICS THAN SUPPORTERS

A plan offered by President Bush to reduce auto insurance rates up to 30% and save an estimated \$30 billion a year by limiting lawsuits is drawing more criticism than praise from insurers, agents and consumers.

The Bush plan would offer consumers a choice between the traditional liability system and a no-fault insurance alternative aimed at reducing litigation and cutting insurance rates. Under a no-fault system, each driver's insurance company pays for damage caused in an accident regardless of who is to blame.

David Snyder, senior counsel to the American Insurance Association, said his group is very concerned that the Bush program may pre-empt existing no-fault laws or the enactment of no-fault reforms such as legislation pending in California and Massachusetts that is supported by the Republican governors in both states.

The Alliance of American Insurers praised the attempt to remedy costly litigation that drives up insurance rates, but favors state action to accomplish the task. Similar views were offered by the Independent Insurance Agents of America.

(Paul Dykewicz, Journal of Commerce)

MILWAUKEE PUT TO THE TEST WITH INNOVATIVE CHOICE PLAN

Polly Williams' phone has been ringing off the hook.

The reason: Twice in recent weeks, President Bush has praised the Wisconsin Democratic state legislator on national TV for the "school choice" program she pushed through in Milwaukee in 1990.

It's the kind of program that the President lusts after as a potential cure for what ails education: Giving 670 inner-city kids a voucher of \$2,700 in state money this year to let their parents pick any private, non-religious school they want.

"I'm very pleased," says Williams, who pushed the program after becoming alarmed by the failure rates of minority kids in the Milwaukee Public Schools system. "The President is putting needs of low-income families on the front burner."

(Dennis Kelly, USA Today, 12A)

**WASTE CULPRITS: NAPPERS AT NASA, BOATS IN BOLIVIA
\$310 Billion Misspent Since 1980, Report Says**

Government waste ranging from the petty to the absurd has totaled \$310 billion in taxpayer money in the past 12 years, the chairman of the House Government Operations Committee said Wednesday.

Conyers released a staff-compiled report citing hundreds of examples of wasteful spending in the federal government....

"Until now there has never been a comprehensive congressional review of the size and extent of serious management problems across the executive branch," Conyers said.

The Bush Administration immediately dismissed the report as partisan, particularly because it was released just before the presidential election and because no lawmakers besides Conyers, including Democrats on his committee, took part in the report.

An Administration source said 26 of the 32 examples Conyers cited early in the report are being fixed or already have been fixed, and many of them predate Bush's presidency.

(AP, Washington Post, A29)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

WORLD TRADE TALKS SUFFER NEW SETBACK U.S., Europe Stalemate On Farm Subsidies

Negotiators from the U.S. and Europe Wednesday all but gave up in their latest effort to resolve a long-running dispute on the future of international trade reforms, making a breakthrough before the U.S. election unlikely, trade officials said.

In Paris, a spokesman for President Mitterrand said the French leader told his weekly cabinet meeting that the U.S. had made some concessions in other trade areas during recent negotiations with the E.C., "but absolutely not on agriculture. They didn't propose much of anything."

U.S. officials disputed the French statement, saying that over the past two weeks the U.S. had made what "we thought...were reasonable proposals (on agriculture).... They should have grabbed it."

In the last several days, however, hopes for progress "have been dissipated. They have not closed the gap," an official said, adding that in some areas there has been backsliding. "There is no basis for agreement."

(Stuart Auerbach and Richard Weintraub, Washington Post, D11)

FOREIGN EMPLOYERS PAY WORKERS HERE MORE THAN U.S. COMPANIES DO

Americans employed by foreign-owned companies in the U.S. averaged 22% a month more in wages than the total U.S. work force in private jobs in last 1990, the government said Wednesday.

The Labor Department reported the average paycheck for the 5.2 percent of American workers employed by foreign-owned firms totaled \$2,543 a month in the final quarter of 1990. That compared to \$2,085 for employees at all private companies in the U.S.

The report also showed that wages paid for foreign-owned companies grew faster in the year ending with the fourth quarter 1990 -- up 6.8%, compared to 5.4% for the total work force.

"The main reason (workers at foreign-owned firms) make more is because most foreign companies invest in higher-paying industries...that use more highly skilled workers," economist David Wyss of DRI-McGraw-Hill explained. "If you want unskilled workers, you can get them much cheaper in Mexico, Taiwan or Malaysia."

(John McClain, AP)

NUCLEAR EXPERT DISPUTES BUSH REMARK Former Weapons Inspector For U.N. Says Iraq Had U.S. Technology

NEW YORK -- An American nuclear expert who led three U.N. weapons inspections teams to Iraq said Wednesday that President Bush was wrong to assert in Monday night's debate that no U.S. technology was used in Iraq's nuclear program.

David Kay said in interviews with CNN and other broadcast media that U.N. inspections conducted since the end of the Gulf War have discovered the presence of some U.S. equipment that was used in Iraq's nuclear program.

"There was U.S. equipment and certainly U.S. technology there," said Kay.

(Reuter, Washington Post, A7)

STATE DEPARTMENT CORRECTS BUSH ON IRAQI NUKES

The State Department now says that \$15 million worth of U.S. equipment ended up in Iraq's nuclear program, an Administration correction that came only two days after President Bush flatly denied it.

Richard Boucher said Wednesday most of the items, some of which were licensed by the Commerce Department, could be used for civilian or military purposes.

Although the Commerce Department approved \$1.5 billion worth of "dual-use" equipment for sale to Iraq from 1985 to 1990, Boucher said, only \$500 million actually reached Baghdad.

But none of the items, which included computers and high-tech welding equipment, "made any significant contribution to Iraq's weapons programs," he said.

"These were items that were deemed not of concern for conventional or non-conventional military regions," Boucher said. "They were dual-use."

(Sid Balman, UPI)

U.S. GEAR TO IRAQ

Three federal agencies are investigating U.S.-made equipment found at nuclear development sites in Iraq, a spokesman for the U.S. Customs Service said. The equipment, an electron-beam welding machine, was shipped to Iraq in 1988 under a Commerce Department license that allowed it to be used only for general military purposes. U.N. inspectors found it after the war. Richard Boucher denied the government had issued an export license for the welder, saying that it must have been "smuggled or illegally diverted to Iraq." However, AP obtained a copy of the Commerce Department license, granted as part of the sale of high-technology items to Iraq from 1985 until the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990.

("Capital Line," USA Today, 4A)

STAYING MUM ON IRAQ**Misuse Of Funds No Secret To State**

Just three months before Saddam invaded Kuwait, the Bush Administration downplayed Iraqi misuse of U.S.-backed loans, according to newly declassified documents obtained Wednesday.

The documents show that top State Department officials were among those who knew that the Administration was about to publicly report finding only "minor irregularities" in Iraq's use of U.S. grain credits. At the same time, they were being briefed on the growing BNL scandal....

Congressional sources said Wednesday that while this [we have no evidence that grain credits were diverted into weaponry] is true, investigators in the BNL case have evidence that the Iraqis traded U.S. farm products, bought with the U.S.-guaranteed loans, for other goods.

It remains to be seen what those goods were.

"Administration officials released a misleading report that ignored evidence of Iraqi abuses in a taxpayer-backed loan program to Saddam Hussein," Sen. Leahy said Wednesday.

"Despite Administration officials' knowing at the time that the Iraqis were lying, they refused to disclose this information to the American people," he said in a statement.

(Warren Strobel, Washington Times, A1)

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BUSH ORDERS IRAQI FUNDS SENT TO U.N.

President Bush on Wednesday ordered all U.S. financial institutions holding a total of \$220 million in frozen Iraqi funds to release them for transfer to the U.N. The money will be used to cover U.N. costs for inspection and destroying Iraq's weapons manufacturing base as well as for humanitarian efforts inside Iraq.

("Capital Line," USA Today, 4A)

U.S. BACKS OFF ON OPPOSING U.N.-IRAQ PACT

U.N. -- Faced with an unyielding U.N. secretary general and the prospect of diplomatic isolation, the U.S. Wednesday reversed course and abandoned plans to oppose a U.N. agreement with Iraq on the distribution of humanitarian relief in Iraq.

The move came as Secretary-General Boutros Ghali informed the Security Council he intends to proceed with the implementation of the agreement. Citing the onset of winter in the Kurdish north, he says there is an urgent need to provide humanitarian relief.

Wednesday, a U.S. official said that in view of Boutros-Ghali's decision, Washington would support the move. "It's his prerogative to make the decision, he's made it and we'll respect that," the official said. "We accept his conclusion that this is the best basis for going ahead and bringing relief to the people of Iraq."

(Trevor Rowe, Washington Post, A25)

**IRAN-CONTRA DATA, DISCLOSURES SHED
LIGHT ON WHAT BUSH HASN'T TOLD**

On Sept. 20, 1985, the families of U.S. hostages still being held in Lebanon met in Washington and complained to then-Vice President Bush about the Reagan administration's apparent failure to do anything to get their loved ones out.

The occasion for the special meeting was the release of Rev. Benjamin Weir, the first hostage freed by the Reagan administration's secret arms dealings with Iran, although neither Weir nor the public knew it at the time.

As Weir recalled, Bush was obviously irritated that day by the hostage families' criticisms. The Vice President took aside the former hostage, who had been freed six days earlier in Beirut and cryptically told him who was responsible for his release.

Bush "told me I had been released through the efforts of the American government, but that he could not explain what (those efforts) were," Weir said in a recent interview.

Two secret shipments totaling 508 U.S.-made TOW antitank missiles had been made by Israel to Iran in August and September 1985 to buy Weir's freedom. Bush has never discussed what he knew about the 1985 shipments....

The exchange between Bush and Weir illustrates the problem that dogs Bush today in the presidential campaign, as it has over the years since the Iran-contra affair began unfolding: Bush has always known more than he was able or wanted to tell.

(Walter Pincus and George Lardner, Washington Post, A4)

BUSH ADMINISTRATION BACKS ISRAEL ON KEY ISSUE

Mideast peace talks resumed Wednesday with the Bush Administration supporting Israel on a key issue and raising the possibility of a post-election round of shuttle diplomacy by James Baker.

Taking a more vigorous approach toward the negotiations, the State Department told the Palestinians they should defer their demand for an Israeli commitment to withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza.

Trying to get the negotiations moving, the Administration told the Palestinians that Security Council resolution 242 did not apply to negotiations over Palestinian autonomy, a U.S. official told AP.

Instead, the Administration told the Palestinians, the matter should be discussed in the final stage of negotiations, after Palestinians elect an administrative body and run their day-to-day affairs for an interim period.

"The Palestinians finally understood that, and we've been stressing that we have a unique opportunity with the new government in Israel and the Palestinians and Israelis should define and agree on spheres of authority in the territories," said the anonymous official. (Barry Schweid, AP)

ISRAELIS HINT AT GOLAN HEIGHTS PULLOUT

The peace talks opened in Washington Wednesday, with reports that Israel would offer to withdraw from part of the Golan Heights.

But Israeli-Palestinian talks seemed headed for renewed deadlock over the issue of Israeli withdrawal from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel Radio reported that Israeli negotiators came to this round of the talks with a firm offer to withdraw from part of the region.

Itamar Rabinovich, chief Israeli negotiator with Syria, was far more cautious in his public statements, but he did appear to hint at new Israeli concessions.

"If I'm to use the metaphor of cliff climbing, then our (position) paper includes some interesting footholds," Rabinovich said.

"We took the paperwork that was tabled by both us and by the Syrians" in previous talks here, he said. "We reformulated some of it and we came with fresh paperwork which we think provides an excellent basis to move on during this round."

(Martin Sieff, Washington Times, A7)

**U.S. ACTS TO STEP UP AID TO BOSNIA WAR REFUGEES
Administration Team Leaves For Geneva Talks**

A task force of senior Administration officials flew to Geneva Wednesday to offer U.S. support for sharply increased humanitarian assistance to refugees in war-torn Bosnia.

The U.S. team...plans to explore stepped-up U.S. transport, logistical support and food aid for Bosnia this winter.

A senior official said recent levels of assistance through airlifts to Sarajevo and ground convoys from several coastal points added up to less than half the amount of food believed to be needed to ward off large-scale starvation this winter.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A24)

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**MUSLIM-CROAT BATTLE HALTS SARAJEVO AIRLIFT
Nominal Allies In Bosnian War Turn Guns On Each
Other In Bid To Solidify Holdings**

ZAGREB -- The U.N. humanitarian airlift to embattled Sarajevo was halted again Wednesday as fierce fighting raged along the airport approach path between Croat and Slavic Muslim militiamen -- nominal allies in Bosnia's three-sided factional war.

(Peter Mass, Washington Post, A24)

WEST REPORTEDLY REFUSES TO ACCEPT FREED BOSNIANS

KARLOVAC, Croatia -- For 10,000 Muslims wasting away in Bosnian Serb prison camps, the main barrier to freedom is no longer their well-armed guards, in the view of relief officials, it is American and West European indifference.

The Bosnian Serbs have agreed to a massive prisoner release Monday from several of their notorious camps, relief officials said, but the plan may be scuttled because Western countries are refusing to accept the freed prisoners. Unless the U.S. and Western Europe open their borders, the prisoners will stay put amid freezing temperatures, malnutrition and beatings at the hand of their Serb captors.

"It's total hypocrisy," said Pierre Gassmann, a senior official of the International Committee of the Red Cross, which is arranging the deal. "The Western countries have made promises (to take the prisoners) but aren't delivering on them."

(Peter Maass, Washington Post, A25)

NATO PLEDGES GREATER ROLE IN BALKAN CRISIS

GLENEAGLES -- NATO defense ministers here pledged Wednesday to step up peace-keeping efforts in Bosnia to halt a "tragic and worsening situation."

The officials agreed to draw up military plans by the end of the year to expedite plans for NATO troops to assist U.N. peace efforts in Bosnia, provide logistical support and protect humanitarian aid deliveries.

Secretary Cheney said "the U.S. strongly supports an enhanced peace-keeping role for NATO," but once again ruled out use of American ground troops in the region.

(Washington Post, A24)

U.S. REPORTED MOVING TOWARD TIES WITH VIETNAM

LOS ANGELES -- The Bush Administration is preparing to move toward normal relations with Vietnam before the next U.S. president is inaugurated in January, it was reported Thursday.

The Los Angeles Times quoted a White House official as saying President Bush might make a public statement on the matter as early as Friday after being briefed by retired Gen. Vessey on his trip to Hanoi last weekend.

The paper also quoted an unnamed Asian diplomat as saying Tuesday's announcement of new photographs that may provide information about U.S. servicemen missing in Southeast Asia "is a prelude to saying, 'now we can move ahead (with relations).'"

A Western diplomat told the paper, "After the election, it will come. I think the full normalization is not very far off -- one month, two months, a few months."

(Reuters)

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U.S. OFFERS TO TRANSFER CONTROL OF PANMUNJOM

SEOUL -- The U.S. has offered to transfer control of a strip of the Demilitarized Zone around the Korean border village of Panmunjom to South Korea by June, Defense Minister Choi Sae-chang was quoted as saying Thursday.

Washington made the offer during the U.S.-Korea military consultative meeting held in Washington earlier this month, Yonhap news agency said. (Reuter)

WARNINGS OF COUP AGAINST YELTSIN SHAKE MOSCOW

MOSCOW -- Foreign minister Kozyrev made a dramatic appearance in parliament Wednesday to warn against an imminent coup.

The parliament then summoned Kozyrev, Vice Premier Poltaranin and State Secretary Burbulis and demanded they explain their remarks to the press Monday and Tuesday that a right-wing coup loomed. Kozyrev strode to the podium.

"We are warning now of the sharp upsurge in activity of several revanchist forces and of the threat to Russia's economic reforms from these forces that include a certain portion of the Supreme Soviet deputies," Kozyrev said.

"We consider it our civic duty not to be silent about this danger but to mobilize against it all the healthy forces of society." (Gerald Nalder, Washington Times, A7)

LIBERIANS REBEL LEADER SURRENDERS AT CRISIS CONTINUES

MONROVIA -- Rebel leader Prince Johnson of the Independent National Patriotic Front of Liberia surrendered to peacekeeping troops as fighting continued driving thousands of people into downtown Monrovia, officials and news reports said.

Johnson gave himself up Wednesday to the West African Peacekeeping Force after his Caldwell base camp was captured by Charles Taylor's rival National Patriotic Front of Liberia.

Separately, a diplomatic source told UPI by telephone that most remaining U.S. embassy staff were planing to leave the capital Thursday. (UPI)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Second edition of Washington Post, Wall Street Journal not included because delivered after publication deadline.

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NETWORK NEWS

(Wednesday evening, Oct. 21)

CAMPAIGN

ABC's Peter Jennings: Good evening from Battle Creek, Michigan. Yes, this is the place so many of us send our boxtops, the so-called cereal capital world, thanks to Kelloggs. This is a very large, very important state with more than 9 million people on the edge of the Great Lakes. And we are here tonight because of one important number -- 18 electoral votes. And we are here because now that the debates are over, the presidential campaign takes on a very different form. This week and next, both the campaigns will make one last push to get the combination of states they need to win a majority of electoral votes. Today, the President has been trying to shore up his position in parts of the South, which he cannot take for granted.

ABC's Brit Hume: With time running out, the President was on the second day of his whistlestop tour of three Southern states, keeping to a brutal schedule of rallies from dawn to darkness.

(President Bush: "Thank you. All aboard, all aboard.") He is missing no chance to make his pitch, and today that included an interview with ABC News done at White House invitation as the train rolled between stops. Mr. Bush seemed in good spirits, waving and talking by loudspeaker to people who stood by the tracks to watch him pass.

(President Bush: "How are you? Good to see you all.") He insisted he is not discouraged, though he conceded his own polls are only slightly more promising than all the others that show him well behind.

(President Bush: "My view is just get your message out, get out and campaign and have confidence that the people, in the final analysis, are going to say: Who do I trust to be president of this country. We're past the days where promises and all matter."

Hume: "Has this turned out to be harder for you than you thought?"

President Bush: "We're in a real fight, put it that way. But I don't know about more than I thought. Nobody ever said it would be easy and it isn't, but it's worth the fight.")

He did acknowledge, though, that many voters may now feel it is time to move away from the generation of leaders who helped end the Cold War.

(President Bush: "I think you've got a point. I think you have a point that people are saying, well, foreign affairs doesn't matter and there's no enemies and all of that. There are problems out there, and we'd better keep strong.")

This was George Bush in what he might call full-campaign mode -- focused, determined, competitive and, outwardly at least, unworried by the odds. Deep down, he may not be enjoying this. But if he's not, he's at least giving a good imitation. (ABC-Lead)

Jennings reports Clinton spent part of the day in Wyoming and Montana. These are states that have not liked the Democrat for president in 28 years. Clinton wouldn't campaign there unless he thought he could force the President to fight for them -- another sign, if you believe the polls, that Clinton feels good in Republican country. (ABC-2)

ABC's Jim Wooten reports on the Clinton campaign's efforts to woo voters in the Detroit suburbs. Everything is coordinated: radio, television and daily surrogates like Sen. Rockefeller.

(Rockefeller: "He's going to be the best president of the United States this country has had since Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and I mean that.")

On radio talks shows, the questions are soft and the answers familiar. Also, union members are going door to door with Clinton material. (ABC-4)

ABC's Bob Jamieson reports on the political mood in Cheboygan, Michigan. Many people feel the campaign has gone on long enough. They also don't think the campaigning has addressed the country's needs. (ABC-15)

CBS's Dan Rather reports Clinton was in the West, looking to put together a victory with the help of former Bush supporters. He insisted again today that he has no intention of raising taxes on middle-income Americans.

(TV coverage: Clinton waving at crowd and greeting supporters.) Bush is barnstorming through the South, hoping for a comeback in the polls. Bush insisted again that the economy is not as bad as the economies of other countries.

(TV coverage: President Bush waving from back of train.) (CBS-4)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: President Bush is back in his Harry Truman mode tonight, whistlestopping the South, trying to arouse the faithful. But the latest poll, this one from CNN and USA Today, shows him still trailing by 13 points. And with less than two weeks left, Bill Clinton is going after Republican states. Clinton joined Western Democratic governors in Colorado, the beginning of a three-day swing, eight Western states. Most have not voted for a Democrat for president in decades. Clinton's support in the West could be undercut, however, by a strong Perot showing. Look for Clinton in the Midwest over the weekend.

(TV coverage: Clinton waving to crowd.)

George Bush, meanwhile, heads to New Jersey tomorrow. Today, the President was whistlestopping through Dixie. Bush rolled into North Carolina from South Carolina and Georgia, railing against Bill Clinton at every stop. Bush was defiant in the face of the polls and what he called biased reporting.

(TV coverage: President Bush waving from back of train.)

As for Ross Perot, he is now at 18 percent in some polls. And now he's thinking of campaigning in person as well as in paid television appearances. (NBC-Lead)

CAMPAIGN/POLL

Jennings reports the latest ABC News-Washington Post Poll shows Gov. Clinton leading President Bush by 12 points [Clinton 44 percent, Bush 32]. Except for some fluctuation during the debates, the spread between those two is just about what it was before the debates. Ross Perot, meanwhile, has gained fairly steadily [Perot 16 percent]. (ABC-5)

CAMPAIGN/IRAQI NUCLEAR PROGRAM

Rather reports the State Department today said President Bush was wrong when he insisted during Monday's debate that no U.S. technology was involved in Saddam Hussein's nuclear-weapons program. A spokesman confirmed that U.N. inspectors have found some U.S. equipment at Iraqi nuclear sites. The State spokesman said, however, that the amounts were small and "didn't make much of a difference." (CBS-5)

CAMPAIGN/ADS

CBS's Eric Engberg reports that putting Sen. Gore on the Democratic ticket has stirred a reading binge among Republicans. Reason: to use Gore's book to alarm the voters. The medium: attack ads on radio.

(Bush ad: "Clinton-Gore radical environmental taxes will drive up our annual power bills \$331.")

On page 349 of Gore's book, they found a generalized endorsement of a tax on companies burning coal and oil. They proceeded to try to turn this into political gold.

(Bush ad: "That would threaten 24,000 jobs right here in Georgia."... "That would threaten 13,000 jobs right here in Maine."... "That would threaten 24,000 jobs in Maryland."... "That would threaten 200,000 jobs in Illinois."... "This proposal would threaten 200,000 Louisiana jobs.")

The claims are misleading. Gov. Clinton has never proposed such a tax and Gore never put any numbers at all on his tax idea. The Republicans just conveniently filled in the blanks.

(Jim Cicconi: "The 200,000 jobs at risk is, of course, at the high end of the range. And that is assuming the full implementation of the carbon tax.")

The Bush ad squad not only puts words into Gore's mouth, it misleads on its source with a scary unemployment scenario.

(Bush ad: "An independent analysis says that Clinton-Gore radical environmental taxes -- ")

Independent? The analysis cited in the ad was paid for by the Global Climate Coalition, headed by Michael Baroody, a longtime Republican stalwart. In trying to paint Gore and Clinton as environmental extremists, the Bush campaign has taken a single study sponsored by vested interests, then festooned it with make-believe assumptions. There's a word for such tactics: slick.

(CBS-6)

Rather reports Clinton appears to be getting the best value for his dollar on network television ads. He has spent \$4.4 million, while Bush has spent \$17.5 million and Ross Perot \$18.1 million.

(CBS-7)

CAMPAIGN/CHARACTER ISSUE

NBC's Lisa Myers reports Gov. Clinton is the personification of the American dream, both the good and the bad. He has demonstrated great perseverance, but critics say overriding ambition sometimes clouds his integrity.

(Clinton, 1980: "I want you to be generous with me in defeat. I want you to be determined with me to go on fighting for our future.")

Although devastated by his defeat in 1980, he stayed in Arkansas to run again, even though friends urged to move on.

(Susan Thomases, political adviser: "He said, 'This is my life.' He said, 'I failed to communicate with these people. I have to stay here. This is a big job, Susan. This is going to take 10 years.'")

Clinton also has shown personal courage. His mother vividly remembers the night her son, then 14, confronted his alcoholic and abusive step-father.

(Virginia Kelly: "Bill said to him when he stood up, he said, 'Don't ever, ever strike my mother.' And evidently, he got through to him because he never lifted a hand again, never.")

During his childhood and political adversity earlier this year, Clinton displayed what some consider his greatest strength.

(Bruce Mazlish, presidential historian: "It is this ability to absorb all kinds of punishments and challenges and to come back, to show resiliency, to survive, because he knows that this day will pass.")

But those survival instincts, coupled with ambition, have caused him to arrange his life with an eye toward what he once called "political viability."

(TV coverage: Clinton greeting legislature.")

After being reelected, a more pragmatic Clinton emerged. Later, when his goal was the presidency, he moved even more to the political middle. Many saw his conversion as partly the result of experience and partly political expediency.

(Mazlish: "It's a kind of pragmatic performance in which, 'Ok, I'll sell out here and here and here in order to reach that goal.'")

Sometimes, that means taking both sides of an issue. Those who know Clinton well also are troubled by his recurring tendency toward dissembling and past truths.

(Clinton, April 7: "The only reason I never said anything about hearing from the draft board before is they didn't make any big deal of it.")

(Clinton, April 8: "I admitted there was a pattern of omission [inaudible].")

Dick Morris, Clinton's political consultant for 12 years, described how Clinton responds to questions about his personal life.

(Morris: "He immediately in his mind's eye sees a printout of a poll, where all the various answers are scoped out. And he chooses the answer that he feels will work the best, that he can get away with and upon which he won't be contradicted.")

Another concern about Clinton is his temper, which was most evident when he thought he'd been crossed by Jesse Jackson.

(Clinton: "I called his house at midnight, I called him, I've done everything I could. For him to do this, for me to hear this on a television program is an act of absolute dishonor.")

Myers continues:

(Morris: "Bill Clinton is very moral in his choice of his goals and relatively less moral in his choice of means. But he wouldn't give a moment's thought to adopting the means that he thought was wrong in order to reach a goal that he thought was right.")

Even critics concede Clinton could be a good president. The question is which Clinton prevails -- the committed idealist or the calculating politician. (NBC-8)

CAMPAIGN/WALL STREET

NBC's Mike Jensen reports Wall Street insiders are betting on Gov. Clinton, and it has nothing to do with whether they like him or his program. It's strictly business. President Bush and Clinton tried to spook the electorate during the debates.

(Clinton: "There was a terrible reaction internationally to Mr. Bush saying he was going to give us four more years of trickle-down economics.")

(President Bush: "Gov. Clinton talks about the reaction to the markets. There was a momentary fear that he might win and the markets went down like that.")

The markets have been reacting to the candidates, but it's more sophisticated and much more mercenary than anything they described in their debate. A couple of months ago, Wall Street pretty much decided Clinton was going to win. So big-money managers analyzed Clinton's economic program and began buying stock of companies they thought would profit from it. One manager created a portfolio with stocks that would be favored by a Bush win and a portfolio for a Clinton victory. The Bush portfolio has gone down 3.6 percent, while the Clinton portfolio has gone up almost 8 percent. Wall Streeters are buying stock of construction companies, steelmakers and heavy-equipment manufacturers. They're also buying stock of companies that operate managed health-care facilities. And they're buying environmental companies' stock. One analyst says Wall Street has nothing to fear from Clinton.

(Thomas Gallagher, analyst: "After the first debate, first presidential debate, which moved Clinton closer to victory, the Dow Jones moved up 64 points the following two days. So there isn't a lot of nervousness right now over a Clinton win in the stock market.") (NBC-2)

CAMPAIGN/QUAYLE TRIP

Jennings reports on Vice President Quayle's visit to Battle Creek. Television coverage in the local markets across Michigan is what the campaign is after. This did not turn out to be a giant rally, but when the faithful filled only half the gym, it still looked like a lot of people on television.

(Quayle: "This crowd's pumped up.")

Quayle's job is to make the voters forget how brutal the recession has been in Michigan and how unhappy many people are with the way Bush has managed the economy.

(Quayle: "And are you going to elect a commander-in-chief that was willing to unite the world and kick Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait?")

Jennings continues:

Last night, it was the lead story on the TV stations in at least three small cities. Before first light this morning in Jackson, the campaign had arranged for Quayle to make another appearance for another set of local stations. It will be like this several times today in several cities. Quayle's message will not vary.

(Quayle: "Because it is in your interest, it's in America's interest, it's in our interest that George Bush be our president.") It will be this way for the next 13 days. Republicans will do it and Democrats will do it. (ABC-3)

PENNSYLVANIA/SENATE RACE

NBC's Andrea Mitchell reports on the race between Lynn Yeakel and Sen. Specter. Specter is on the same ticket with a president who's trailing badly, so Specter was nowhere to be seen when Bush held a rally outside Philadelphia last week.

(TV coverage: President Bush leaving Air Force One and waving at crowd.)

And in a remarkable turn for a Republican senator, he brags that he agrees with Gov. Clinton on some issues. Yeakel is hanging on to Clinton like he's a life raft.

(TV coverage: Clinton greeting crowd.) (NBC-6)

ECONOMY/CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

Jennings reports consumer confidence has dropped to its lowest level in seven months; 92 percent of the people in a ABC News-Money Poll say the economy is not in good shape. (ABC-13)

DISABILITY CLAIMS

CBS's Rita Braver reports 600,000 Americans are waiting for word on disability claims. A report out today says people are waiting more than twice as long to have claims processed as they did in 1988. Critics say the delay is deliberate.

(Ron Pollack, Families USA: "The White House is crippling our system of aid to severely disabled Americans and Congress is going along with the destruction. By slashing Social Security staffing, they've created massive backlogs and outrageous waiting lines for aid.")

(Tom Scully, OMB: "I think we had an unexpected explosion in Social Security disability applications. And we've definitely, we've fallen further behind. But we've put a lot more money into it and we're going to do the best we can to catch up.")

No matter who's elected president, with the economy still on the skids, there's little chance of a huge increase in any government spending, even for the neediest Americans. (CBS-8)

HEALTH CARE

NBC's Robert Bazell reports a report released today by the GAO compared wholesale drug prices in the U.S. and Canada. It found that 81 percent of the most commonly prescribed drugs were cheaper in Canada; 23 percent of the drugs cost less than half as much in Canada. (NBC-3)

VIETNAM/MIA

CBS's Dan Rather: Seventeen years after the Vietnam War, more than 2,200 U.S. servicemen are still officially listed as missing in action. Tonight, the U.S. government has new information from Vietnam that could help determine what became of many of these Americans.

CBS's David Martin reports Gen. John Vessey and Sen. McCain returned last night from Hanoi, carrying an inventory of documents and photos from Vietnamese archives.

(McCain: "I believe we have brought home very important documentation which will go a long way in resolving many cases that are still listed as missing in action.")

The unexpected breakthrough came via an American named Ted Schweitzer [phonetic], who travelled to Hanoi earlier this year to do research on the Vietnamese Army. It was not until earlier this month that Secretaries Cheney and Eagleburger confronted the Vietnamese foreign minister about Schweitzer's evidence. Families of the missing are starved for information, but they don't trust the Vietnamese. (NBC-4, CBS-Lead)

MIDEAST PEACE TALKS

ABC's Diane Sawyer reports another round of Mideast peace talks began today in Washington. Once again, we are hearing talk from the Israelis that they may be willing to give back to Syria some of the Golan Heights. The Israeli-Palestinian talks are a different story, with the sides seem to be moving further apart.

(ABC-14)

HAITI/REFUGEES

CBS's Meredith Vieira reports that for more than a decade, Haitians have drowned along the Florida coastline. They have been turned away, deported and locked up in Guantanamo.

(President Bush: "We are not bound to have an open policy where everybody in economic deprivation around the world can come to the United States.")

Why is U.S. policy against Haitians so seemingly tough? The answer offered by many Haitian-Americans is simple and unsettling: because they are black. In recent days, Haitians have taken their cause to the streets of several U.S. cities.

(TV coverage: Haitians at demonstration chanting anti-Bush slogans.) (CBS-10)

LOS ANGELES RIOTS

ABC's Mike Von Fremd reports a new study called the Los Angeles City Government a dysfunctional family and singled out former police Chief Daryl Gates for failing to control the disorder in its early stages. The new police chief said he will implement the report's recommendations, the most important of which, he said, is the need for the police to work more closely with the people.

(CBS-3, ABC-6)

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HOTLINE ELECTORAL SCOREBOARD

Clinton still leads in 24 states (303 EVs) outside m/e; Perot moves within margin of Bush in AK, WY. (#8)

DON'T MESS WITH MY MAMA

New family values twist, as State Dept. admits searching files on Clinton's mother. (#7)

PEROT BUMP: Will Clinton take him on? (#4)

AL G. SURE: Gore does MTV. Also: TN Sen. guesswork. (#6)

EGGING ON THE WAFFLE JOKES (#1)

Bush whistle-stop through South draws big crowds, but he gets bigger press for Waffle House visit, gab with locals. Interviewed by ABC, CNN, CBS.

AD WATCH: Bush goes positive with national 60-sec. spot on econ plan, yanks TIME ad. (#5)

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THE TURNOUT PUZZLE
TOP TEN LIST

10) Will the big lead relax or energize Dem GOTV?

9) Have the GOP turnout troops lost their spirit?

8) Will early projections from TV exit-polls decrease West Coast voting?

7) Will Perot appeal for a gigantic "take-country-back" turnout, regardless of how they vote?

6) Will black turnout be hot even though Jackson has been luke-warm?

5) Will TX 3-week voting mean big minority turnout?

4) Will attack ads drive turnout down or to Perot?

3) Are young tuning in, turning on, turning out?

2) Is it anger or hope that drives turnout?

And the #1 question the experts should be asking: With new patterns, are the polls able to identify who the "likely voters" are?

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

"Self-reinvention. It's what George Bush is attempting now. It's what Bill Clinton has been accused of doing all his life."

-- Author Richard Ben Cramer, "Frontline," PBS, 10/21.

THE APN BULLETIN BOARD

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FROM TODAY'S DAILY REPORT CARD: 3 CO ballot props will have "major implications for education."
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The HOTLINE's 1992 post-election forum, featuring staffs/consultants to the campaigns for pres. and Congress, will take place Thursday 11/5, at the Nat'l Education Assn's auditorium, 16th and M Streets, NW from 10:00a-12:00n.

All subscribers welcome. On the record.

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BUSH WATCH-WATCH:

YESTERDAY: He snuck a look while at a SC Waffle House; caught by AP an photographer, it was widely reprinted this a.m.

THIS MORNING: While casually munching an apple he caught himself doing it on "CBS This Morning" -- and told Smith/Zahn: "Don't mean to be looking at my watch, but you remember in the debate I did and they gave me heck for it, now go ahead ..."

*1 BUSH: WRAPS SOUTHERN WHISTLE-STOP WITH BIG CROWDS, WAFFLES
 "Energized by a large, enthusiastic throng of supporters" in Raleigh, NC, Bush finished his 2-day whistle stop through GA, SC and NC. Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) "hailed" Bush as a man who's "paid his dues to his country," and Bush was "cheered lustily by the largest crowd" of the tour. Helms on Clinton: "The wizard of ooze from Arkansas has made it clear he will say anything and do anything to get elected" (Guillory, Raleigh NEWS & OBSERVER, 10/22). Along the way, "a little more insistently, it seemed, at every whistle stop," Bush told audiences, "Don't believe those crazy polls ... those nutty pollsters." ATLANTA CONSTITUTION's Baxter: "Good-sized crowds have gathered at every stop, giving Bush the best couple of days he's had in a while" (10/22). Also on the Bush train: Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-SC), outgoing NC Gov. Jim Martin (R), SC Gov. Carroll Campbell (R) and "Nature Boy" Ric Flair, the wrestler. Campbell noted "12 years of GOP control of the [WH] had made Republicans fat and lazy and, as a result, the GOP let its base of grass-roots supporters dry up" (Bedard, W. TIMES, 10/22). N.Y. TIMES front-page header: "President, After 10 Cool Months, Is Catching Fire as a Campaigner." At times, "there are shades of candidate Bush in happier days, so visibly wrapped up in his oratory that he gets carried away by it, tossing away his memorized text. ... The extent of the change in Mr. Bush's campaign style is subjective, but the crowds, his largest to date, clearly react to it. ... Badly trailing candidates ... sometimes become happy warriors on the political trail. Free to remove the mask of a politician, they speak their minds -- and sometimes make better candidates when they are running neck and neck with their rivals" (10/22). Bush on Clinton as pres.: "It's like sending some Little League guy to coach the Braves." Martin suggested N. Carolinians "are being lulled into a false sense of comfort by the Southern accents of Clinton and Gore": "They have these soft, dulcet tones. People here really relate to that. You'd be surprised how much" (BOSTON GLOBE, 10/22).

WAFFLE IRON: Many reports noted Bush's breakfast at a SC "Waffle House" restaurant, and his explanation for choosing that particular establishment: "A little symbolism. Very good breakfast, I might add, but there was a message in that. I don't think the American people want a president who's going to try to be all things to all people." Many stories also carried an AP photo of Bush at the counter, looking at his watch (mult., 10/22). W. POST's Marcus: "It was difficult to blame the [WH] advance crew for an event that was almost an inevitable addition" (10/22). BOSTON GLOBE's Kranish notes the apparently unplanned diversion into the Waffle House delayed the train about an hour (10/22). L.A. TIMES header: "This Time, Bush Gladly Eats Words" (10/22). Bush worked the "waffle" theme into the rest of the trip, including a hit on Clinton's Gulf War stance: "We didn't listen to that kind of waffle. We went ahead and made a tough decision" (S.D. UNION-TRIBUNE, 10/22). ABC's Jennings: "[Bush] has been trying to shore up his position in parts of the South, which he can cannot take for granted" (10/21). NBC's Brokaw: "Bush is back in his Harry Truman mode tonight, whistle-stopping the South, trying to arouse the faithful." NBC's Chancellor: "Truman's 'give-em-hell' campaign worked because he had something to give them hell about" (10/21).

EAT HERE AND GET GAS: Bush "may have learned why coffee shops are so rarely appropriated as campaign props." After "gobbling" his waffles, Bush "found himself approached by a man and two young ladies." The "mid-40s" man "showed Bush a frayed, brown scrapbook displaying photographs of the man's trick horse, which he said was adept at licking his young friends' heads. The two ladies, who were in their teens or early 20s, and whose relationship to [the man] was unclear, then engaged the President in a lengthy swap of riddles that was interrupted only by another woman who briefly conversed with Bush in French." The Bush advancers "eventually succeeded in rescuing the photo opportunity from its unexpected spontaneity," as the Lee Greenwood song "Proud to be an American" came in over the speakers (Jehl, L.A. TIMES, 10/22). Other reports noted the joke Bush told the women: "Did you hear the one about the duck who went into the bar? Bartender looked at the duck and said, your pants are down." When Bush's joke "was greeted with silence, he pointed out that 'down' has two meanings" (Yoachum, S.F. CHRONICLE, 10/22).

*2 BUSH INTERVIEWS: SPONTANEOUS CHATS WITH ABC, CNN; CBS A.M.

ABC's Hume: "He is missing no chance to make his pitch, and today that included an interview with ABC News, done at [WH] invitation. ... Bush seemed in good spirits. ... He insisted he's not discouraged, though he conceded his own polls are only slightly more promising than all the others that show him well behind. ... He did acknowledge ... many voters may now feel it's time to move away from the generation of leaders who helped end the Cold War." Bush: "I think you got a point. I think you have a point that people are saying, 'well this foreign affairs doesn't matter and there's no enemies and all of that.' There are, there are problems out there and we'd better keep strong." Hume: "This was George Bush in what he might call full campaign mode; focused, determined, competitive and outwardly at least unworried by the odds. Deep down he may not be enjoying this, but if he's not, he's at least giving a good imitation" (10/21). In an interview with CNN's Bierbauer, Bush pooh-poohed his poll standing, citing British PM Major and MI Gov. John Engler "14 points back ... the Sunday before the election. I just don't think people trust the polls anymore." Bush said his own polling was "substantially better, especially since this debate." On Perot & Desert Storm: "He was against it back in [1/91]. So he tried to make a point. He was wrong then, and he's wrong now. But I think people understand that. But my main argument isn't with Perot though, it's with Clinton." Discussing the media and Bush's message, CNN's Bierbauer asked: "What message is it that is not getting through?" Bush: "Well I don't know. We're going to have to wait and see. I think the message is getting through." Bierbauer: "So nobody has told you, 'It's over.'" Bush: "Not anybody I trust" (10/21). Bush appeared on "CBS This Morning" with Smith and Zahn in a 45-minute segment (scheduled for 30 min.) from Raleigh, NC. On being "focused and aggressive" in the third debate: "The format had a lot to do with it, and I felt comfortable in the format. Maybe I'm not what you call a gut fighter ... I don't like to get into the ring and all. But I felt Gov. Clinton's going after me month after month ... [that] I had to get into perspective the Arkansas record, which was a sorry record." On Perot's Iraq statements in the debate: "Coming in from the fringe making these statements, I think it kind of clouded things. He's entitled to say that, but when he said we gave permission to take the northern part of Kuwait,

that's absolutely absurd. Hearing after hearing in the Congress and witness after witness -- and if anybody had ever said that, or any piece of paper evidenced that, or any witness evidenced that, I'd have been thoroughly raked over by the Congress, and that hasn't happened. ... I don't think he can possibly win and he knows that. ... He's got some good ideas and he's got some nutty ideas. And he makes some crazy statements." On criticism that his campaigning has come "too little too late": "Why did Cabrera put Atlanta into the series by 9th inning hit? It's the way life is, man. You know, you have to come from behind. ... It's fun now. The train trip was fantastic. ... The support was fantastic." CBS' Zahn: "Haven't you seen that up until this point?" Bush: "Yeah, I've seen it up until this point. But I'm talking about driving down the wire, with the kind of campaigning I love" (10/22).

*3 CLINTON: IN "REPUBLICAN COWBOY COUNTRY"

"The waning campaign for the presidency became a telling lesson in geography" as Clinton "plunged into the treeless horizons of Republican cowboy country" of CO, WY and MT and Bush finished a train tour of the "not-so-solid South" (Malone, COX/ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 10/22). "Projecting confidence but insisting he was taking nothing for granted," Clinton took his message as a "new kind of Democrat" to Western states which no Dem has captured "in almost three decades" (Pertman, BOSTON GLOBE, 10/22). Clinton "cast himself as a humble man who wants to return government to the people" (Moss, W. TIMES, 10/22). Clinton to a crowd of 5,000 in Pueblo, CO: "The [GOP] has taken you for granted for too long. ... We want to take you into the future" (ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, 10/22). Clinton told reporters the Western states "have never been all that strong for Bush": "They just need to know whether there's a new Democratic Party out there. If they believe that, then yes, I can win them" (N.Y. NEWSDAY, 10/22). GOP consultant Mark Helmke: "This is a smart strategy in that it makes people like me talk about a Clinton landslide. ... But it could be a two-edged sword if he gives the impression that he and his campaign have arrogantly concluded that it's over with two weeks left." Clinton: "I am certainly not laid back and I don't feel confident. We've got a hard fight on our hands for the next two weeks" (NEWHOUSE NEWS, 10/22). CNN's Randall: "Clinton is staging a foray in areas [Dem pres.] candidates have long considered alien territory" (10/21). ABC's Jennings: "There's a message here. ... Neither state has many electoral votes, but [Clinton] wouldn't campaign there unless he thought he could force [Bush] to fight for them. Another sign, if you believe the polls, that Bill Clinton feels good in [GOP] country" (10/21).

GOOD GRIEF: Clinton's "manner and tone seem to undercut his stated caution. He sounded confident, for example, when he told a joke about Bush's showing in the final debate" when he "compared Bush's aggressive performance" to a line attributed to "Peanuts" character Lucy: "If you can't be right, be wrong as loud as you can" (Pertman, BOSTON GLOBE, 10/22).

TO MARKET, TO MARKET: "The bond market has been mourning the passing of Republican rule all month and driving up interest rates. ... But the bond market's grief should be short: Neither the economy nor inflation is strong enough to push rates much higher" (Waggoner, USA TODAY, 10/22). N.Y. TIMES header: "Is Clinton Driving Bond Market? Opinion Is Divided On Candidate's Role" (10/22). W. TIMES header: "Democratic future frightens

markets" (10/22). Two-term NY assemblyman/1982 House candidate/Oppenheimer Management chair Jon Fossil (R) "assumes Clinton will win the election and says the Democrat's plan will do more good than harm for both stocks and bonds" (USA TODAY, 10/22).

PEROT FACTOR: Clinton did not mention Perot by name 10/21 but "took clear shots" at him: "There's just one candidate in this race who's ever balanced a government budget" or "passed a law to limit the influence of lobbyists. ... Others can talk, but they don't know about action" (Lauter, L.A. TIMES, 10/22). "Probably nowhere else in the country did Mr. Clinton benefit as much from Mr. Perot's decision to drop out" 7/92, than the West. Some Clinton strategists "are now privately concerned" Perot, "reinvigorated by a strong showing" in the debates, is "cutting into the [Dem] lead in the West." Dem polls in CO put the Perot vote up to 20%. CO Gov. Roy Romer (D): "Clinton's lead in [CO] is down to a range of seven to 10 points in the polls. The reduction is because of Perot" (Connelly, SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, 10/22). A "senior" Clinton official said Perot's showing in the polls had "no bearing" on Clinton's western tour but noted: "Clearly he takes something out of our hide" (W. TIMES, 10/22).

HISPANIC SUPPORT FOR CLINTON: A poll, conducted for Hispanic Business magazine and the Telemundo Group surveyed 1,012 registered Hispanic voters in CA, TX, NY, FL & IL, 10/3-6. Clinton received 53%, Bush 25% and Perot 7%. Except for registered GOPers, residents of FL and Hispanics of Cuban decent, "every demographic division" favors Clinton (release, 10/21).

KIDS STUFF: In a mock election involving 3.5 million teens conducted by the Whittle Education Network, Clinton won 42 states, Bush 2 (AK & UT) and Perot 6 (ME, ID, MT, NE, OR & WY). Bush came in third in 25 states. Clinton received 43% of the popular vote, Bush 27% and Perot 24% (DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, 10/22).

*4 PEROT: W/DEBATE BUMP, LITTLE ROCK WANTS MEDIA REEXAMINATION

"Buoyed by the reaction to his performance" in the debates, Perot officials "predicted he would stump the country in the final days before the election, a marked departure" from his earlier made-for-TV campaign. The change in tactics results from public and private polls which "have begun to show Perot's support increasing -- largely at [Clinton's] expense." Perot Nat'l Coord. Orson Swindle and counsel Clayton Mulford, at a press conference, said Perot's debate performance "had so dramatically boosted his approval scores that he could soar from his current third place and score the greatest upset in American history." Improving poll numbers seem to indicate "Perot may have overcome the 'quitter' stigma left over from his abrupt exit from the race." Swindle said Perot still has to fight the "mentality that people just don't look at independent candidates seriously" (Broder, W. POST, 10/22). Mulford: "We think Clinton's support is soft, and ... when we draw the line between jargon and a real effort to implement those policies, we do think we can have a dramatic impact on his support" (B. GLOBE, 10/22). Swindle and Mulford "played a cat-and-mouse game about whether the [Perot] would hit the trail in the final days of the campaign, as had been rumored. There have been reports that Perot planned to visit several states considered key to his campaign. But Swindle would only go so far as to say he 'thinks' Perot will be going on the road and that if he does, it will be to a number of places" (Kennedy, L.A. TIMES, 10/22). Swindle: "He will be out on the road around the country, I'm sure" (DALLAS

MORNING NEWS, 10/22).

POST DEBATE BUMP? Clinton strategists say their private polls have raised concerns that Perot is cutting into the Dem lead in Western states. One official: "Certainly there's movement ... it's because people don't know the facts about him." Another unnamed Clinton-Gore official, "said the problem with Mr. Perot should be seen as real, but limited to certain states, mostly the conservative Western states where Mr. Perot has always had his greatest strengths." One "measure of the concern the Clinton campaign feels about Mr. Perot is that today campaign officials were telling reporters that it was time that Mr. Perot face a new round of examination by the press. ... Many Democrats say they no longer perceive President Bush as a real threat to Mr. Clinton. That means the resurrection of Mr. Perot as a menace serves a tactical purpose" (Wines, N.Y. TIMES, 10/22). Some Clinton advisors "have concluded that it would be better to risk alienating Perot supporters ... than allow his support to grow unchallenged" (West, Balto. SUN, 10/22).

STOCKDALE: CNN interviewed James Stockdale in a special "Stockdale: Perot's V.P." Stockdale on Perot's hair: "You know he is going to get a haircut, it's going to be short, and he's going to pay as little as he has to for it, and it's going to happen every week. ... He's not a trendy guy." On whether he is ready to assume the presidency if Perot was incapable: "I am. I have been in command all my life. ... I'm by nature a leader, if I am so vain to say so, and I'm a concerned person. I have sympathy for people, and I am smart enough to know how to pick the right people. If you said you're going to be president tomorrow that would not blow my mind. I would probably take a couple of gulps, but I would move with confidence" (CNN, 10/21).

*5 AD WATCH: BUSH AIRS 3 NEW SPOTS, FIRST POSITIVE IN 5 WEEKS

Bush released three new TV ads yesterday. Two 30-second spots feature interviews with voters criticizing Clinton. A 60-second positive spot describes Bush's economic plan. The 60-second ad will air nationally on network TV. "The campaign refused to reveal where the other two are running or how often, but generally it has bought a mix of time on both network [TV] and selected battleground states in the Midwest, South and Northeast. A 60-sec. positive spot, describes Bush's economic plan. It opens with Bush looking out the window of the Oval office. TEXT: Bush: "Today, for the first time in half a century, America is not at war. And America's wartime economy is changing to a peacetime economy. But that change has brought fear and uncertainty. The fear of losing a job. Of losing a home. The uncertainty of tougher economic competition from around the world. But with change comes opportunity. And my agenda for American renewal can be the bridge to the future. It provides a choice of quality schools, so our children have the knowledge to compete. It provides job training, so workers have the skills to compete. It provides health care for all, and controls spiraling costs so our people can afford to compete. And my agenda strengthens small businesses that create two of every three jobs, so we have the new jobs to compete. Today we stand at the threshold of a new era. We changed the world around us. Together, we must do the same at home." The ad concludes with a warm shot of the Bushes and their grandchildren walking toward the camera (Rosenstiel/Gerstenzang, L.A. TIMES, 10/22).

REAX: "The ad is correct when it says Bush's plan provides a choice of schools, though it is a stretch to say all of them

would be quality" (L.A. TIMES, 10/22). W. POST's Kurtz: "Bush is not proposing health care "for all" -- his plan would leave 27 million people uninsured." And his "proposed tax and regulatory changes for small business are relatively modest" (10/22).

30-SECOND SPOT: One of the 30-second spots continues Bush's series of interviews with ordinary people shown in quick, jerky close-ups criticizing Clinton. Among the comments: "If you're going to be President, you have to be honest," "Bill Clinton hasn't been telling anything honestly to the American people," "The man just tells people what they want to hear," and "I think that there's a pattern, and I don't trust Bill Clinton." N.Y. TIMES' Berke notes, "The campaign deleted at the last minute a phrase from [one man], who has mentioned Mr. Clinton's 'trip to Russia.' That issue has backfired, and the Bush campaign must have figured it would do no good in an ad" (10/22). "The campaign says the ad is based on random interviews conducted in Cincinnati, although it is safe to assume that pro-Clinton comments were edited out" (Kurtz, W. POST, 10/22).

TIME FLAP: A federal judge rejected TIME's request for a temporary restraining order to prevent the Bush campaign from broadcasting their ad that features the magazine's 4/20 cover. The issue became "moot" when the Bush attorney Bobby Burchfield said the ad had been pulled from the air as of midnight Tuesday (W. POST, 10/22). TIME managing editor Henry Muller said he was "pleased" by the decision (TIME release, 10/21).

PEROT: "Capitalizing on the momentum he generated" in the three debates, "Perot began making the case today in a barrage of new [TV] and radio ads that a vote for him would not be wasted" (Sack, N.Y. TIMES, 10/22). The new 60-second spots focus on familiar Perot issues -- the budget deficit, 'trickle-down' economics, waste, corruption and special-interest influence in Washington, the waning of American industrial leadership, urban decay, crime and health care. But the closing line of all of them seek to reverse the 'wasted vote' psychology: 'This is no time to waste our votes on politics as usual. It is time for a candidate who will get down to business. It is time for Ross Perot'" (Broder, W. POST, 10/22). None of the spots mention either Clinton or Bush. The ads will be shown on both network and cable TV through 10/25 (Sack, N.Y. TIMES, 10/22). The second half of Perot's two-part bio series will air tonight on ABC at 8:30p (EDT). The half-hour spot attempts to "address the character concerns voters have about him" (Lehigh, BOSTON GLOBE, 10/22). The series began 10/17 with "Ross Perot: The Early Years." Tonight's segment features Perot "discussing his involvement with the POW-MIA issue during the Vietnam War, the rescue of his business employees from Iran in 1979 ... and his involvement with Texas school reform in the mid-1980s." The Perot camp says the lengthy ads will continue through the election "along with a heavy arsenal of 60-second spots" (Baer, Balto. SUN, 10/22). Perot press sec. Sharon Holman said two of Perot's previous TV ads have been translated into Spanish for use on Hispanic stations (N.Y. TIMES, 10/22).

DNC: The DNC began airing two 30-second spots aimed at voters under 30. The ads are broadcasting nationwide on TV shows such as Fox's "Beverly Hills 90210" and ABC's "Roseanne." The spots feature a young people describing how difficult it is for a new college graduates to get a job under the GOP admin. (DNC release, 10/21). As noted in HOTLINE 10/21, a new 15-sec. DNC ad ("Well, it's four years later"), evokes the Buchanan ads of NH with a close up of Bush's mouth as he says, "Read my lips" (DNC

release, 10/22).

FLOYD BROWN RETURNS: In a new 30-second TV ad, Brown's independent Presidential Victory Cmte uses black and white photos of Mario Cuomo, Jesse Jackson and Ted Kennedy as "The Clinton Team." PARTIAL TEXT: "And where will Bill Clinton find a job for Teddy Kennedy? Will he put Teddy behind the wheel at the Dept. of Transportation, overseeing roads -- and bridges? ... On Election Day, don't drive off that bridge when we come to it." The disclaimer reads: "Paid for by the Presidential Victory Committee. Not authorized by any candidate or candidates committee" (CNN, 10/22). ABC's Donaldson will look at the ad tonight on "PrimeTime Live" (PVC release, 10/22).

*6 YOUTHQUAKE: GORE AND THE YOUNGER GENERATION

Gore appeared live on MTV's "Choose or Lose," taking questions from the audience. Gore seemed to have learned from Clinton's performance in the 2nd debate, walking around the stage, moving toward questioners, etc. Gore on the possibility of Perot in a Clinton admin: "We're focusing on the next two weeks. ... I like him as an individual. ... But we haven't said anyone would be considered for this position or that position." On being VP: "I have no illusions about what the role of the [VP] is. All the decisions are made by the president." On business and the environment: "The only way we can solve the problem is to make it profitable to solve the problem and encourage people to do the right thing." On Bush as the environmental president: "You can't use that line without people in both political parties kind of snickering about it now because he's totally broken that pledge." On Bush saying the issue is trust, in light of Iraq-Gate, BNL, FBI-CIA feuding, etc: "I don't think he has a lot of credibility on that with this going on." At the end of the forum, Bill Clinton called in. Gore recognized his voice immediately. Clinton: "Bush may have vetoed the Motor Voter bill, but he can't veto the right of young people to vote if they'll exercise it." MTV's Kurt Loder then noted Both Bush and Perot had repeatedly been invited to appear on the show, "to no avail" (10/21).

PRINT REAX: "Gore's reception from the studio audience of 170 young voters, most of them recruited at area college campuses, was enthusiastic, though he did have that look that space explorers on 'Star Trek' get when encountering new life forms -- friendly, but wary" (Page, NEWSDAY, 10/22). During the MTV forum, Gore "was sharply questioned over whether he was softening his positions on the environment to avoid alienating voters in industrial states. He insisted that he was not" (Suro, N.Y. TIMES, 10/22). Gore "chided violent rap songs and pop singer Sinead O'Connor while defending his wife's record-labeling efforts" (Brosnan, Memphis COMMERCIAL APPEAL, 10/22). Wearing a "psychedelic tie and a 'Rock the Vote' pin, Gore participated in the MTV forum focused on "jobs, education and environment" (Flynn, USA TODAY, 10/22). "In these closing days of the campaign, [Clinton and Gore] are making a concerted effort to cement their support among young voters, who polls show are swinging toward the [Dem] ticket after" backing GOPers in previous elections (Chen, L.A. TIMES, 10/22).

WHO'D REPLACE GORE? ROLL CALL's Curran writes speculation on who would replace Gore in the Senate should the Dems win centers around three Dem Reps. Jim Cooper, Bart Gordon and John Tanner. Gov. Ned McWherter (D), who said he would not appoint himself to the position, said he has already spoken with 14

"potential successors," but would make no decision before Election Day. Tanner's "relative inexperience on the national stage is considered one reason he may be passed over for the vacancy." Gordon, who has ruled out a '94 run for governor, "is thought to be third on the list." Gordon faces the "stiffest challenge" for re-election of the three this year. Cooper "is emerging as the consensus frontrunner." He "represents a district that cuts a wide swath through the middle of the state and has already made it clear that he would be interested in the Senate spot." Cooper spokesman David Withrow said while he has been mentioned as a potential for Gov. '94, "he would 'greatly prefer the Senate seat'" and would likely run in '94 if McWherter were to appoint a "caretaker." Other names: Two-time statewide loser Jane Eskind, Reps. Bob Clement and Marilyn Lloyd, state Rep. John Bragg, state Sen. Jerry Cooper. Potential caretakers: Ex-Reps. Richard Fulton and Ed Jones. State Rep. Alvin King has urged McWherter to pick him before the Election, arguing that the choice of him to be the first African-American U.S. Senator from TN would "energize" the state's black vote (10/22 issue).

"TODAY": Gore answered questions from 2 college students. On his MTV appearance: "That's the only interview show in a America where you have a whole series of questions to which you are urged to have only one word answers." On increasing Perot support: "Again, we don't put much stock in the polls but those that you're referring to do show a very much a two-way race between the Clinton-Gore ticket and the Bush-Quayle ticket. And show the fundamental choice in America is between four more years of the same old stuff or fundamental change. And those who want change, those who believe that we simply can't afford four more years of what we have had, are especially eager not waste their vote, not to cast the vote that will not materially affect the outcome of the race" ("Today," NBC, 10/22).

*7 STATE DEPT: FILES SEARCHED FOR INFO ON CLINTON'S MOM

W. POST's Pincus & Isikoff report "not only" did State Dept. officials search archived files for information on Clinton "but also about his mother," Virginia Kelley. On the evening of 9/30 and "all day" 10/1, "files were screened" for material on Clinton's mother, under her first and second married names as well as for Clinton. While the State Dept. "based its expedited original search" on Freedom of Information Act [FOIA] requests filed by news organizations, "none of the three FOIA requests sought information on Clinton's mother." The search for info on Clinton's mother was requested 9/30 in a 5:00p phone call by chief of program support services for the State Dept.'s office of passport services Richard McClevey to Nat'l Archives employees who operate the Nat'l Records Center. McClevey, then-acting asst. sec. for passport services Carmen DiPlacido and another dept. employee Steven Moheban arrived at the Archives facility at 6:00p and "searched file boxes" until 10:00p. They returned 10/1 with Michael Brennan, chief of public affairs for the office of consular affairs 10/1 "and continued searching various State Department records" until 4:30p. McClevey will not comment on the matter. A State Dept. officials said the search for files on Clinton's mother was a "routine" part of any record search on an individual. Because her name appeared on Clinton's passport application, "officials began looking up files for her to see if any records on him have been misfiled under her name" (10/22).

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

*8 HOTLINE ELECTORAL SCOREBOARD: ANOTHER WEEK NO BUSH MOVEMENT

The Scoreboard is The HOTLINE's weekly compilation of the latest trial heat data available from state polling. All polls listed have been completed by 9/15. The number of electors is listed after each state. The symbol (++) indicates a lead beyond the margin of error; (+) indicates a lead within the margin.

STATE	BUSH	CLINTON	PEROT	POLLSTER/DATE/MARGIN OF ERROR
AL (9)	35	+45	12	BIRM. POST-HERALD, 10/12-14, +/- 5%
AK (3)	30	+34	23	ANCH. DAILY NEWS, 10/17-18, +/- 4%
AZ (8)	32	+37	12	Rocky Mtn Poll, 10/13-14, +/- 4.2%
AR (6)	31	++52	10	ARK. DEM-GAZETTE, 10/16-18, +/- 3.5%
CA (54)	30	++51	7	Field Poll, 10/3-7, +/- 4.8%
CO (8)	25	++44	18	DENVER POST/News 4, 9/24-30, +/- 4.4%
CT (8)	31	+41	17	HARTFORD COURANT, 10/16-20, +/- 5%
DE (3)	37	+42	11	KYW-TV/PMR, 9/14-16, +/- 4%
DC (3)	17	++71	8	News 4/PMR, 10/12-14, +/- 4.5%
FL (25)	38	+39	13	CBS/N.Y. TIMES, 9/10-13, +/- 3%
	+42	36	12	Mason-Dixon, 9/10-12, +/- 3.5%
GA (13)	38	+44	7	ATLANTA JRNL-CONST, 10/6-7, +/- 4%
HI (4)	21	++48	17	ARG, 9/15-10/1, +/- 5%
ID (4)	++43	31	14	ID GOP/Tarrance, 10/4-8, +/- 4.4%
IL (22)	32	++51	11	CBS/N.Y. TIMES, 10/14-15, +/- 3%
IN (12)	41	+42	8	INDIANAPOLIS STAR, 10/4-7, +/- 3.5%
IA (7)	38	+44	8	DES MOINES REGISTER, 10/4-9, +/- 3.4%
KS (6)	34	+41	15	K.C. STAR/KMBC, 9/21-10/1, +/- 3.5%
KY (8)	36	+41	8	WKRC-TV/Mas-Dix, 9/23-25, +/- 3.5%
LA (9)	35	+40	8	Univ. of N.O., 10/7-15, +/- 3.7%
ME (4)	30	++44	11	PMR, 9/28-29, +/- 5%
MD (10)	34	++50	6	Mason-Dixon, 10/1-4, +/- 3.5%
MA (12)	23	++47	16	BOSTON HERALD/WCVB, 9/20-21, +/- 5%
MI (18)	31	++50	8	DETROIT FREE PRESS, 10/3-7, +/- 3.5%
MN (10)	27	++53	13	Minn. STAR TRIB/WCCO, 10/2-6, +/- 3.1%
MS (7)	+39	37	11	Natchez DEMOCRAT, 9/10-11, +/- 3.5%
MO (11)	25	++42	16	KMOV-TV, 10/19-20, +/- 4.4%
MT (3)	33	++41	18	GREAT FALLS TRIB, 10/12-15, +/- 3.5%
NE (5)	++43	30	10	OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, 10/6-8, +/- 4%
NV (4)	+42	32	15	ARG, 9/15-10/1, +/- 5%
	32	+40	20	Reid (D), 10/18, +/- 4.4%
NH (4)	37	+42	11	ARG, 10/2-8, +/- 3.5%
NJ (15)	30	++46	6	ASBURY PARK PRESS, 10/2-4, +/- 3.8%
NM (5)	30	++42	9	ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL, 10/13-16, +/- 3%
NY (33)	22	++50	14	Zogby Group/WROC, 10/16-20, +/- 4.5%
NC (14)	38	+44	11	Grnsbro NEWS/RECORD, 10/2-4, +/- 3.5%
ND (3)	37	37	10	Univ. of ND, 10/6-7, +/- 4%
OH (21)	30	++47	8	Cleve. PLAIN DEALER, 10/5-7, +/- 3%
OK (8)	39	39	12	Kielhorn (D)/KWTW, 10/8-11, +/- 4.9%
OR (7)	26	++49	10	Prtlnd OREGONIAN, 9/28-10/4, +/- 4%
PA (23)	30	++51	9	PITTS. POST-GAZETT, 10/8-11, +/- 3.6%
RI (4)	21	++46	12	Brown Univ., 9/20-23, +/- 4%

SC (8)	+41	39	10	Columbia STATE, 9/26-29, +/- 4.5%
SD (3)	37	+40	6	KELO-TV, 10/5-9, +/- 4.5%
TN (11)	35	++47	5	TN Poll/UTenn, 10/7-12, +/- 3.5%
TX (32)	+44	39	12	CBS/N.Y. TIMES, 10/5-7, +/- 3%
	35	35	17	TX Poll/Harte-Hanks, 10/1-9, +/- 3.5%
UT (5)	++48	36	7	ARG, 9/15-10/1, +/- 5%
VT (3)	29	++38	16	RUTLAND HERALD/WPTZ, 10/17-18, +/-4%
VA (13)	+41	40	10	Fairfax JOURNAL, 10/16-18, +/- 3.5%
WA (11)	28	++48	14	Tacoma NEWS TRIBUNE, 10/12-16, +/-4%
WV (5)	29	++50	5	CHARLESTON GAZETTE, 9/28-10/1, +/-5%
WI (11)	36	+42	15	MILWAUKEE JOURNAL, 10/16, +/- 5%
WY (3)	+34	28	23	Casper STAR-TRIB/PMR, 9/26-27, +/-5%

ELECTORAL COLLEGE TOTALS: (270 electors needed to win).

	STATES	ELECTORS	OUTSIDE M/E	STATES	ELECTORS
Clinton	39	421	Clinton	24	303
Bush	7	45	Bush	3	14
Perot	0	0			
Tie	5	72			

NOTE: Due to conflicting poll data, FL, TX and NV are counted as ties.

LAST WEEK'S SCOREBOARD: Clinton led in 23 states with 303 EVs outside the margin of error; he also had 37 states with 403 EVs inside the margin. Bush had 3 states for 14 EVs outside the margin; he had 10 states for 67 EVs inside.

*9 CALIFORNIA (54): CLINTON TO VISIT ORANGE CO. TODAY

CA's "political pendulum is taking a wide swing from right to left, all the surveys tell us, and as it does, one can easily watch the voters who are swinging it," Reagan Dems. Bush has "never enjoyed a particularly strong following" in CA like some of his predecessors. "Compounding [Bush's] shallow support here is the state's stubborn recession. ... The result is that not only Reagan Democrats, but substantial numbers of [GOP] moderates are deserting the GOP ticket." The "apparent lopsidedness" of the race in CA, has "prompted" both Clinton and Bush to "virtually ignore" the state. The "private thinking in both camps is that Clinton has all but locked up [CA], so any major commitments of candidate time or [TV] advertising money would be a waste." A Bush CA strategist: "I literally feel like the Maytag salesman waiting for the phone to ring (from national headquarters). It never does." The main "challenge" for the Clinton campaign is "to avoid being lulled into complacency," which is one reason why Clinton is visiting Orange Co. tonight. Bush has no plans to visit the state before the election (Skelton, L.A. TIMES, 10/22).

ROLE-REVERSAL: CA Dems have registered "nearly three times as many voters from May to September" as the CA GOP. "And for once it is [GOP] leaders who, less than two weeks before a general election, are eyeing with envy the united front posed by their traditional ideological foe." The "registration boom could also provide icing on the cake" for the Senate candidacies of Rep. Barbara Boxer (D-06) and ex-S.F. Mayor Dianne Feinstein (D) (Feldman, L.A. TIMES, 10/21).

*10 MICHIGAN (18): FORMER GOP HOUSE CANDIDATE BACKING CLINTON
Ray Tanter, a former national security staffer in the Reagan

admin. and unsuccessful GOP congressional candidate, said he will "help direct" a GOPers for Clinton group in MI: "I'm a Republican and I'm cut out of Republican cloth. No one can take away my Republicanism away from me just because I'm not supporting George Bush. Bush has strayed from the Republican principles, not I" (Woodlee, DETROIT FREE PRESS, 10/21). Sandy Grady, writing from Battle Creek, reports the defection of Tanter "shocked" local GOPers. At a Quayle rally the other day, a Motown-style band played "Rescue Me." Grady: "In Michigan, fearful of the future, no one can rescue George Bush" (PHILA. DAILY NEWS, 10/22).

*11 NEW JERSEY (15): BAR STUMPS FOR POPPY

Under header, "Bush's 'Secret Weapon' Enters New Jersey Battle," N.Y. TIMES' Strum writes, "Barbara Bush got off the bus from the shopping mall (a charter, the Bush Family Express), shook a few hands" outside Bergen Co. GOP HQs and "then walked inside to attend to business: debunking the polls and attacking' Clinton's record in AR (10/22).

*12 NEW YORK (33):

A Zogby Group poll, conducted 10/16-20 for several TV stations, surveyed 522 registered voters; margin of error +/- 4.5% (Zogby release, 10/21).

	NOW	8/92
Clinton	50%	55%
Bush	22	27
Perot	14	6
Undec.	14	12

Perot draws strongest among the 18-34 age group: Clinton 40%, Bush 22%, Perot 21%.

*13 OHIO (21): DEWINE A NO-SHOW FOR HIS OWN FUND-RAISER WITH DAN Cleveland PLAIN DEALER's Diemer writes, "Fighting a bad cold and long odds, ... Quayle rolled through northwestern Ohio [10/21] calling himself the 'eternal optimist' and warning that the election of Bill Clinton would bring 'huge risks.'" But Quayle "could take no comfort from the no-show" by GOP senate nominee/LG Mike DeWine, who missed his own fund-raiser in Findlay, leaving Quayle on stage with DeWine's wife, Fran, and Rep. Mike Oxley (R-04). Fran DeWine said DeWine "tried to juggle his schedule on short notice so he could appear with Quayle, ... but was unable to forgo a commitment for an editorial interview with the Youngstown Vindicator." DeWine manager Curt Steiner "said Quayle's advance team had known for three days that DeWine would be unable to attend the event." Later, Quayle "caused a minor stir in Toledo when the bus tour made an impromptu stop at Tony Packo's, a neighborhood tavern that has hosted the likes of Michael Dukakis, Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale." Bush "snubbed" Toledo on his 9/92 train trip through the state and Quayle made only a cameo appearance at a bowling alley earlier this month. ... All seemed forgiven ... as Quayle autographed a petrified hot dog bun at Packo's, made famous by the Jamie Farr character, Klinger," in the TV series MASH (10/22).

BUSH, AGAIN: The Cleveland CALL & POST, self described as "Ohio's Black Newspaper" endorses Bush: "In 1988, we endorsed George Bush. ... We feel that the President should be given a chance to put the 'peace dividend' that he has earned to work for us at home" (10/22).

*14 TEXAS (32): THE STATE WITH THE MOST LARGESSE WINS

Dan Quayle "will announce" tomorrow that Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. "will receive the go ahead to further develop the V-22 Osprey tilt rotor aircraft," according to Rep. Pete Geren (D-12). The contract is worth as much as \$2.4 billion through 1998 to Bell and its partner Boeing. The announcement, "which would reverse the Bush [admin.'s] long-standing opposition to the V-22 program, comes less than two weeks before" the election. The two states that would "benefit from the announcement, [TX and PA], are crucial contests" for Bush. Quayle is scheduled to "deliver the news to Bell's partner Boeing, during a visit' to a Boeing V-22 plant in PA. Clinton has "said he favors developing the aircraft," because of its "potential military and commercial applications" (Mitchell, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 10/22).

MORE PLAIN TALK: KNIGHT-RIDDER's Fiedler profiles the campaign in TX noting, "How the race will end is anybody's guess. Most political experts give the edge to Bush, in part because of his roots and in part because of Clinton's apparent unwillingness to invest heavily in the state." Bush may "pay a heavy price for victory on his home turf." Clinton campaign worker Craig Sutherland: "We call ourselves the Alamo Team. Everyday George Bush has to spend in Dallas dealing with us is a day he isn't spending in Michigan" (MIAMI HERALD, 10/22).

*15 THE OTHER FORTY: AK, CT, ME, MO, WA

ARKANSAS (6): ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE poll, conducted 10/16-18 by Mason-Dixon Opinion Research, surveyed 812 registered voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (10/22).

	NOW	10/1
Clinton	52%	53%
Bush	31	31
Perot	10	8
Undec.	7	

CONNECTICUT (8): HARTFORD COURANT/CT Poll, conducted 10/16-20 by UConn's Institute for Social Inquiry, surveyed 505 adults; margin of error +/- 5% (10/22).

	NOW	10/5	FAV/UNFAV
Clinton	41%	47%	46/37%
Bush	31	33	44/50
Perot	17	9	45/29

Gov. Lowell Weicker (I), "a longtime Republican who bolted the party in 1990 to run for governor as an Independent, ... solidified the break by endorsing" Clinton 10/21: "I don't have all my questions answered, but my gut tells me in terms of smarts, in terms of courage, in terms of vision, he comes the closest to fulfilling the role of president." A CT Party, which Weicker founded to run for gov., did not make an endorsement (Jacklin, HARTFORD COURANT, 10/22).

LOUISIANA (9): Analyst John Maginnis reports he has been receiving calls from out-of-state reporters because, as one put it, "this is one of the few contested states left." Maginnis adds, "You know George Bush is in bad trouble when he has to fight to hold Louisiana," which GOP pres. candidates have carried since '76. "The best thing going for Bush is that the two most hotly contested congressional races" -- Reps. Baker (R) and Holloway (R) in the 6th; Reps. McCrery (R) and Huckaby (D) in the 5th -- "both involve Republicans" (Monroe MEWS STAR, 10/21). New Orleans TIMES-PICAYUNE's Walsh reports GOP "loyalists" living in the N.O. suburbs "appear to be remaining faithful" (10/21).

MAINE (4): The weekly YORK COUNTY COAST STAR, Bush's "real hometown newspaper," endorses Clinton: "Bush offers four more years of well-meaning but timid policies that have so far proven ineffective" (mult., 10/22).

MISSOURI (11): A KMOV-TV poll, conducted 10/19=20 by the Prell Org., surveyed 510 likely voters; margin of error +/- 4.4%.

Clinton 42%
Bush 25
Perot 16
Undec. 17

WASHINGTON (11): Tacoma MORNING NEWS TRIBUNE poll surveyed 640 likely voters 10-12-16; margin of error +/- 3.9% (10/21).

Clinton 48%
Bush 28
Perot 14
Undec. 10

SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER's Connelly profiles potential WA residents who may get jobs in a Clinton admin. Clinton nat'l political dir. Stephanie Solein is a Spokane native and an ex-liason officer to retiring Gov. Booth Gardner (D). She is married to Clinton media strategist Frank Greer, who "helped design the 1986 TV campaign" for retiring Sen. Brock Adams (D). Rep. Norm Dicks (D-06), who was one of the first members of Congress outside of AR to support Clinton, "has been rumored a candidate for [Sec/Def], but is not likely to relinquish clout and seniority on the House Appropriations Committee." Clinton is "also buddies with Gardner, who was "rumored" as a Sec/Ed, until last week when he "voiced interest in serving" as Amb. to Japan. Seattle Mayor Norm Rice (D) is also "flirting with a Clinton appointment, even though his home-front popularity is high and the mayor is eyeing a 1994 challenge" to Sen. Slade Gorton (R). Aides have "touted" Rice for such jobs as Sec/Int. They "gleefully publicized the mayor's invitation to spend election night in Little Rock." Clinton is scheduled to attend a rally in Seattle this morning where both Rice and Gardner will welcome him (10/22).

*16 CANDIDATE SCHEDULES

	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26
CLINTON 501/399-3840 D. Seldin	SeattleWA Eugene OR CstaMsaCA	L.V. NV FayetvlAR SprgfldMO	DesMoines IA Akron OH	GrndRapds SaginawMI Win-SalNC	Bus Trip starts Win-SalNC
GORE 501/399-3840 K. McKiernan	Macon Athens GA MelbornFL	Melbourne PnsaclaFL HuntsvlAL			Bus Trip starts Win-SalNC
BUSH 202/336-7080 T. Clarke	Vineland Secaucus NJ	LexngtnKY FtLauderd Miami FL			
QUAYLE 202/456-7034	Bus Trip OH	Phila. PA Wilmington	FL	GA	

D. Beckwith		DE			
PEROT	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	
214/788-3000	TX	TX	TX	TX	
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*17 COLORADO: CONSIDINE BACKING OFF "ATTACK" ON BUSH?

"As a Democratic presidential victory becomes increasingly likely," ex-state Sen. Terry Considine (R) "is more than distancing himself" from Bush, "he's attacking him." During a radio debate with Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D), Considine said, "the administration has a thousand faults. But I'm not responsible for them." Considine later told a reporter, "George Bush is going to be our Jimmy Carter. He has not been an effective president." But Considine "sought to tone down his anti-Bush rhetoric" 10/20, saying he had made the Carter comparison only because "both presidents are running at a time of recession. ... I share the frustrations many Coloradans share looking at Washington D.C. But I'm not picking a fight with George Bush" (Herrick, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 10/21).

ENDORSEMENT: ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS backs Considine: "Who is the most independent-minded reformer with a proven record of going against the establishment and getting things done? When the question is out that way, the choice is easy: Terry Considine. This is not to take anything away from ... Campbell, who is a likable figure with an admirable past. ... Term limits for politicians, contracting out bus lines, a visibility standard for metro Denver air: all represent creative approaches to public problems that were spearheaded by Considine. And those examples hardly exhaust the list. We'd like to think he'd bring the same energy and innovative talents to Congress. ... Campbell's actions do not always match his rhetoric ... Nor has Campbell been at the forefront of efforts to reform Congress. Perhaps this is not surprising, since it is all too easy for a congressman to fall into the comfortable habits of his surroundings and to accept as natural the perquisites of power and the go-along, get-along behavior of colleagues. [CO] needs a senator willing to break the mold. It has such a candidate in Terry Considine" (10/21).

*18 CONNECTICUT: DEBATE WEEK HEATS UP AFTER SLOW START

"After several weeks of sniping over the airwaves," Sen. Chris Dodd (D) and businessman Brook Johnson (R) "appeared to lay down their weapons" at their first of 3 planned face-to-face meetings. They "did not break any new ground" at the debate, held before 70 newspaper execs, and the format "discouraged virtually any give-and-take between the candidates." The "only real sparks flew" when they ignored the moderator's admonitions to follow the debate rules and argued over the influence of special interest money. Johnson "repeated an oft-heard campaign refrain, accusing Dodd of bankrolling his Senate bid" with PAC money. Dodd "retorted that Johnson was a hypocrite" because Johnson contributed to the PAC of a company he used to work for. Dodd "could not resist a swipe" at Johnson and said he "waffled on the abortion issue" but both candidates "ultimately said they were" pro-choice and agreed to support the Freedom of Choice Act and "expressed support" for federal funding to help poor women pay for abortions (Waldman/Jacklin, HARTFORD COURANT, 10/21).

DEBATE NO. 2: The second debate was held in an "unusually simple forum. The stage was bare but for two microphones, a black backdrop curtain and a moderator who posed a few questions and then got out of the way." While Johnson again hit Dodd on contributions from special-interest groups, "it was Mr. Dodd, looking more the challenger with points to prove than a two-term

incumbent with a commanding lead in the polls, who kept up the energy and pressure." The first debate was "far more sedate" (Johnson, N.Y. TIMES, 10/22). NEW HAVEN REGISTER's Hladky reports Johnson "dodged a number of [Dodd's] pointed questions but never lost his cool" (10/22). HARTFORD COURANT's Waldman & Jacklin report, while the "questioning ... was mostly good-natured," the two "sought to keep each other off balance." Johnson hit Dodd on spending votes, while Dodd raised the question of Johnson's residency. Johnson owned a home and was registered to vote in FL (10/22). Stamford ADVOCATE header: "Dodd intensifies attack on Johnson" (10/22). CONNECTICUT POST header: "Knockout missing ..." (10/22). The third and final debate will be 10/26 at 7:00p and broadcast live on WFSB-TV and taped by CT Public TV for later broadcast (COURANT, 10/20).

MORE ON JOHNSON: Under header "Johnson making himself scarce for reporters," Meriden RECORD-JOURNAL's Urban reports Johnson has "been putting off reporters, editorial boards and some special interests" since winning the GOP nod. In the past 2 weeks he has missed appointments with 5 media outlets (newspapers and radio), but he "insists" he doesn't have a problem with his schedule. Johnson: "I don't miss a lot of events. ... It's a matter of being in five places at one time." HARTFORD ADVOCATE's Susan White calls him "reporter shy": "He is trying to control the media." WATERBURY REPUBLICAN's David Carr: "It's pretty strange. ... I had wondered if it was just me." Johnson "denies any concerted effort to avoid the media." CT GOP chair Richard Foley said Johnson's "priorities simply do not include the working pres" (10/20). Johnson has "made job creating a centerpiece of his campaign" but "records and interviews show ... Johnson's experience running his own business" to have "tough times, marginal profits, and a stagnant or declining work force." Johnson has said he supports family leave legislation although longtime employees "could recall no formal family leave policy" at his firm (Baggott, HARTFORD COURANT, 10/21).

***19 NEW HAMPSHIRE: DEM POLL HAS RAUH RETAKING LEAD**

A Bannon Research poll, conducted for the NH Dem Coordinated Campaign, surveyed 400 likely voters 10/15-16; margin of error +/- 5% (Rauh release, 10/21). Tested: Gov. Judd Gregg (R) and businessman John Rauh (D).

	NOW	9/28
Rauh	36%	27%
Gregg	32	33

Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) went to NH 10/19 to endorse Rauh, but "he spent as much time plugging" Bill Clinton. Rockefeller spoke following a forum on health care reform. Rauh has said he "would create a national health board that would be charged with settling the maximum fees and eliminating waste." Asked about Gregg's criticism of the plan, saying it "includes a 7 percent payroll tax," Rauh: "Judd Gregg is dead wrong. He has been with me time after time and heard me. To just run on Rauh and criticizing Rauh ... Let's hear it Judd. Where's your health care plan" (Burge, Manchester UNION-LEADER, 10/20).

***20 NEW YORK: POLL GIVES ABRAMS 12-POINT LEAD**

A Zogby Group poll, conducted 10/16-20 for several TV stations, surveyed 522 registered voters; margin of error +/- 4.5% (Zogby release, 10/21). Tested: Sen. Al D'Amato (R), AG

Bob Abrams (D).

	NOW	DEM	GOP	IND	NYC	NYC SUBURBS	UPSTATE
Abrams	43%	55%	21	49%	48%	38%	40%
D'Amato	31	19	54	26	31	40	28
Undec.	26	25	25	22	20	20	31

Pollster John Zogby said a significant portion of the undecided vote is "completely disgusted" with the campaign and may vote for president, then skip the Senate ballot. Zogby said Ferraro supporters and white ethnics "don't know who to vote for or whether to vote" (HOTLINE Interview, 10/22).

*21 SENATE SMURFIN' USA

ALABAMA: BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD poll surveyed 571 likely voters from 10/12-14; margin of error +/- 5% (10/20). Tested: Sen. Richard Shelby (D), businessman Richard Sellers (R).

Shelby	69%
Sellers	18
Undec.	13

ARIZONA: The staff of activist Clare Sargent (D) "made a plea" for free TV advertising time to counter the "heavy advertising budget" of Sen. John McCain (R) but the FCC ruled broadcasters "have no obligation to provide free air time to cash-poor candidates simply because they are outspent." Sargent spokesperson Ferd Haverly said he would keep pushing for the time even if it meant McCain and ex-Gov. Evan Mecham (I) would get the same (Yozwiak, ARIZONA REPUBLIC, 10/18).

ARKANSAS: Preacher Mike Huckabee (R), "who promised to run a clean campaign" is running a series of "contrast ads" that don't attack Sen. Dale Bumpers (R). Huckabee: "We stay away from any sleazy ads" (Walter, Pine Bluff COMMERCIAL, 10/9).

FLORIDA: ORLANDO SENTINEL endorses Sen. Bob Graham (D) (10/18). Ex-Rep. Bill Grant focused on the deficit in a recent debate during which Graham said he supported a tax increase for people earning more than \$200,000/year. It was the second of 4 scheduled debate, but the only one televised statewide (Anderson, MIAMI HERALD, 10/17). In their first debate, Grant's "uphill fight ... got a lot steeper" because he "missed a rare opportunity" to question Graham about the budget (Anderson, MIAMI HERALD, 10/15).

KANSAS: Asst to State Treas. Gloria O'Dell (D) "continued to attack" Sen. Bob Dole (R) as a Washington insider, but Dole "responded that he is a hard-working lawmaker who has not forgotten his hometown." Health care reform was "among the sharper differences" between the two. Two fringe candidates also joined the debate (Truell, AP/WICHITA EAGLE, 10/19). O'Dell was endorsed by the SALINA JOURNAL under header "Challenger brings hope for our future" (10/14). An O'Dell release points out the JOURNAL has never endorsed a Dem Senate candidate before (10/14).

KENTUCKY: State Sen. David Williams (R) began the last month of his campaign "with little more than a tenth of the money available" to Sen. Wendell Ford (D). By 9/30, Williams' cash on hand was \$114,723, while Ford's was \$1,060,795. NRSC chair/Sen. Phil Gramm (R-TX) said the NRSC would spend a legal maximum of \$304,000 on Williams' campaign if he could match. Williams has raised only \$271,831 this year, including a \$10,000 loan he made to his campaign (Cross, Louisville COURIER-JOURNAL, 10/20). The

COURIER-JOURNAL endorsed Ford 10/18.

OKLAHOMA: Ex-House speaker Steve Lewis (D) "blasted" Sen. Don Nickles (R) for supporting NAFTA and charged Nickles "with attempting to disguise his support" for the agreement. Nickles spokesperson Brook Simmons: "Don Nickles is not going to vote for anything that will cost [OK] jobs" (Ervin, TULSA WORLD, 10/21). Lewis spokesperson Kris Bess called Nickles' "Tax Man" spot "an insult to the Beatles. ... While Steve Lewis is talking about an economic 'Revolution', Nickles appears content to 'Let It Be.' Under 'Helter Skelter' economic leadership of the Reagan-Bush-Nickles era we've seen the 'Long and Winding Road' to American prosperity turn into 'Penny Lane'" (release, 10/20).

SOUTH DAKOTA: A KELO-TV poll conducted by Hein Research Assoc. 10/5-9 surveyed 508 registered voters; margin of error 4.5% (AP, 10/16). Tested: Sen. Tom Daschle (D) and teacher Charlene Haar (R).

Daschle	65%	Daschle approval	74%
Haar	23		

VERMONT: Sec/State James Douglas (R) "stuck by his strategy" of trying to portray Sen. Pat Leahy (D) as a "Washington insider beholden to special interests" at a recent debate broadcast on VT Public Radio. Leahy countered the "swipes by questioning" Douglas' use of NRSC funds (Derby, BURLINGTON FREE PRESS 10/19). FREE PRESS' Hill reports Douglas "is gaining some backbone" and the "dynamics [of the race] seem to be changing a bit." He is using the little "All-Vermont" money he has raised to air TV spots attacking Leahy for using special interest money (10/19).

*22 CANDIDATES OF A NEW GENERATION

In the latest edition of ROLLING STONE magazine (Sinead O'Connor cover), HOTLINE managing editor Steve Bilafer profiles 13 candidates who would likely change Congress. Notable: Sanford Bishop (D) in GA, Maria Cantwell (D) in WA, Karan English (D) in AZ, Elizabeth Furse (D) in OR, Michael Huffington (R) in CA, Cynthia McKinney (D) in GA, Donna Peterson (R) in TX, Bobby Rush (D) in IL, Mel Watt (D) in NC, Lynn Woolsey (D) in CA (10/29 issue). Analyst Stu Rothenberg: "I think we're likely to have about 135, 140 new House Members" ("IP," CNN, 10/21).

*23 HOUSE RACE BRIEFINGS

AK At Large: ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS/AP poll, conducted by Political/Media Research from 10/16-17, surveyed 632 registered voters; margin of error +/- 4% (DAILY NEWS, 10/21). Tested: Rep. Don Young (R), ex-Valdez Mayor John Devens (D), Michael States (Alaskan Indep. Party), Mike Milligan (Green).

Devens	44%	States	4
Young	38	Milligan	2
Undec.	12		

DAILY NEWS' Postman writes Young, "in the fight of his political life, is closing the gap" on Devens. One month ago, a DAILY NEWS/AP poll had Young 20-points down (10/21).

CA 23: Rep. Elton Gallegly (R-21) and education consultant Anita Perez Ferguson (D) faced each other in a "raucous debate" 10/19 that "left them on the attack." Gallegly "repeatedly needled Perez Ferguson on her move from Santa Barbara to Oxnard" to run in the CD. Perez Ferguson took issue with Gallegly's voting record (Cuneo, Ventura STAR-FREE PRESS, 10/19). A majority of the 1,000 people in attendance "clearly supported Perez Ferguson and frequently interrupted [Gallegly] with catcalls and boos." After the debate, Gallegly left by the side door, while Ferguson held a rally in front of the school auditorium (Soble, L.A. TIMES, 10/19). The debate was sponsored by Ventura STAR-FREE PRESS and aired live on KVEN radio and later on KADY-TV. Also running: Libertarian Jay Wood, who said he was not invited to participate (STAR-FREE PRESS, 10/19).

FL 03: In the newly created black-majority CD, atty Don Weidner (R) "dressed a campaign aide's 12-year old daughter in a rented chicken suit and blasted" state Rep. Corrine Brown (D) for not debating him. Since their two debates last week, Brown has refused to meet further. Weidner has yet to buy any ads, and as of 9/20, has only \$10 cash-on hand. Brown has \$42,726 on hand (ORLANDO SENTINEL, 10/20). SENTINEL endorses Brown (10/17).

FL 06: ORLANDO SENTINEL endorses Rep. Cliff Stearns (R) over businessman Phil Denton. Denton "has good intentions. But his achievements fall far short of" Stearns' record (10/19).

FL 08: ORLANDO SENTINEL endorses Rep. Bill McCollum (R) over Dem atty Chuck Kovalski (10/19). Kovalski manager Scott Sokol was fired for soliciting PAC money (10/18).

IA 02: In a 10/20 debate, Rep. Dave Nagle (D-03) "pledged" to continue his fight for a women's right to choose and against the "silly gag rule." Rep. Jim Nussle (R-02) reaffirmed his opposition to abortion "except when necessary to save the life of the mother." Nussle connected pro-life with "investing in

education," women and children's programs. Nagle said he "has shown the courage to support programs for women and children even when the votes carried political risk" (D.M. REGISTER, 10/20).

KY 03: "In a sharp turnabout," ex-Rolling Fields Mayor/state Rep. Susan Stokes (R) has begun airing a new TV spot that contrasts her support for abortion rights to Rep. Romano Mazzoli's (D-03) opposing stance. "Stokes previously had tried to downplay her support for abortion rights, even though it was the issue that helped her win the backing of women's groups" (McDonough, Louisville COURIER-JOURNAL, 10/21). Mazzoli's decision to limit individual contributions to \$100 seems to be hurting him. He said he has not had enough money to answer Stokes' month-long ad campaign (McDonough, C-J, 10/9). A COURIER-JOURNAL editorial hits Stokes on the accuracy of her attacks on Mazzoli: "With respect to her commercials, it's not just a matter of judgment. It's a question of honesty" (10/10).

MD 06: Retired teacher Roscoe Bartlett (R) produced an insurance document in a 10/20 debate supporting his charge that Del. Tom Hattery (D) "failed to pay workers compensation insurance" for employees at his family owned Lomond Publishing Company. Hattery: "It's just simply inaccurate." Moderator Jeff Salkin on Bartlett's document: "That won't show up terribly well on TV. Let me move on to our next topic" (Balto. SUN, 10/21).

MA 01: Patrick Larkin (R), a former aide to the late Rep. Silvio Conte, accused Rep. John Olver (D-01) of "running a 'despicable, out-of-control' campaign following episodes last week in which Olver aides secretly taped a Larkin supporter and falsely charged Larkin held a no-show government job." An Olver release issued last week charged that Larkin "secretly" worked for ex-Rep. James Courter (R-NJ) while on Conte's DC staff from '83-85. Courter later produced evidence showing it was a different Patrick Larkin. Olver has apologized twice in the last week (Howe, BOSTON GLOBE, 10/21).

MA 03: BOSTON HERALD/WCVB-TV poll, conducted by Political/Media Research 10/16-17, surveyed 407 likely voters; margin +/- 5% (10/21). Tested: Rep. Joe Early (D), Peter Blute (R)

EARLY JOB PERFORMANCE

Blute	40%	Exc/Good	26%
Early	41	Fair/Poor	53
Undec.	19	DK	21

Blute "promised" on 10/20 to "never vote for a increase," and characterized Early as a "tax-and-spend Democrat." Early spokesman Al Cotton noted "Early was named one of the most frugal members of" the MA delegation (BOSTON GLOBE, 10/21).

NY 15: Rep. Bill Green (R-15), "who has been a national leader in the fight for a cleaner environment, has substantial investments in companies that operate a garbage-burning plant, and once invested in the firm slated to build the controversial Brooklyn incinerator. Green "brushed aside suggestions that his investments have influenced his stance" on enviro issues. City Councilmember Carolyn Maloney (D) "blasted" Green for the "conflict of interest" (Calderone, N.Y. NEWSDAY, 10/21).

TX 02: An internal poll, conducted 10/20 for businesswoman Donna Peterson (R) by Hill Research, surveyed 300 registered voters; margin of error +/- 6% (release, 10/20). Tested: Peterson, Rep. Charles Wilson (D).

Peterson	50%
Wilson	44

One Peterson TV spot features a "Robin Leach voice" narrating "Lifestyles of the Rich Incumbents." The ad shows Wilson in various travel spots around the world. Excerpts: "Today's fat-cat, Good-time Charlie Wilson. ... Goodtime Charlie still found time to play in his in-district party machine, at a cost of half-million dollars -- and bounce \$144,000 in checks." Video of Wilson's "mobile office" and then a check marked "insufficient funds" bounces across screen. Endtext: "Goodtime Charlie. A party animal who knows how to live it up on your money" (Peterson release, 10/17).

WI 01: Home builder Mark Neumann (R) has "flooded three [TV] markets with more than \$300,000 worth of attack ads." Neumann has spent \$600K of his own money on the campaign and ads, one of which accuses Rep. Les Aspin (D-01) "of vacationing in the Caribbean at taxpayer expense" (Janesville GAZETTE, 10/21). Aspin's camp has labeled the ad an "absolute lie." Aspin spokesperson Vernon Guldry: "Aspin did not vacation at taxpayer's expense. He did public business at taxpayer expense." Guldry said Aspin visited the area several times in '88 to evaluate the military's potential role in drug interdiction (MILWAUKEE SENTINEL, 10/21).

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

*24 CNN/USA TODAY TRACKING: CLINTON 45%, BUSH 32%, PEROT 15%
1,000 registered voters surveyed 10/18-20 by Gallup (most surveys pre-10/19 debate); margin of error +/- 3%. About 333 RVs surveyed nightly for rolling 3-day sample. Date shown is the final of 3 survey dates (CNN, 10/21; USA TODAY, 10/22).

3-WAY	10/20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
Clinton	45%	47%	48%	46%	47%	47%	47%	46%	48%	50%	51%	50%	49%
Bush	32	29	30	34	34	34	32	34	33	33	33	34	34
Perot	15	15	15	14	14	13	15	13	12	11	10	10	10

*25 BATTLEGROUND '92 TRACKING: CLINTON 46%, BUSH 32%, PEROT 17%
1,000 registered voters, surveyed 10/15-20 (most surveys pre-10/19 debate) 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. No polling is done on Friday or Saturday nights. Date shown is final of 4 survey dates. NOTE TO MEDIA: Please cite as "Battleground Poll." This is not a HOTLINE poll.

3-WAY	10/20	19	18	15	14	13	12	11	8	7	6	FAV/UNFAV
Clinton	46%	45%	45%	43%	41%	43%	45%	47%	49%	49%	48%	53% / 41%
Bush	32	33	32	33	35	34	34	34	34	35	36	41 / 55
Perot	17	16	14	15	14	13	13	10	9	8	8	49 / 38

*26 ABC TRACKING: CLINTON 44%, BUSH 32%, PEROT 16%
894 likely voters surveyed 10/19-20; margin of error +/- 4%. (ABC release, 10/21). Date shown is final of survey dates.

	10/20	19	18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10
Clinton	44%	46%	49%	49%	44%	44%	45%	46%	49%	49%
Bush	32	30	30	31	34	37	35	34	35	35
Perot	16	15	13	12	12	11	11	11	7	6

*27 ABC NEWS: AMONG DEBATE VIEWERS, PEROT SHOWS MOVEMENT
710 registered voters who watched the 10/19 debate (W. POST, 10/22).

	BEFORE DEBATE	AFTER DEBATE
CLINTON	52%	48%
BUSH	29	29
PEROT	11	19

*28 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted Tipper Gore. NBC's "Today" hosted Al Gore. "CBS This Morning" hosted Pres. Bush.

LAST NIGHT: ABC, NBC and "MacNeil/Lehrer" led with Bush. CBS led with POW/MIAs. CNN led with Iraq-Gate. "M/L" focused on job programs with economists Milton Friedman and David Gordon, Clinton adviser Robert Reich, Sec/Labor Lynn Martin and Perot adviser Ken Langone. CNN's "Crossfire" hosted W. TIMES' Wesley Pruden and NEWSWEEK'S Jonathan Alter on media bias. "Larry King" hosted ex-Sec/Def. Robert McNamara on the Cuban Missile Crisis, and ex-Reagan NSA Richard Allen and Rep. Bob Torricelli (D-NJ) on character. ABC's "Nightline" re-examined the L.A. riots.

"THE CHOICE '92": PBS "Frontline" examined the lives of Bush and Clinton, with narration from author Richard Ben Cramer. Cramer: "Self-reinvention. It's what George Bush is attempting now. It's what Bill Clinton has been accused of doing all his life. But how else would a poor boy from Hope, Arkansas see his way to the White House without a spark of self-imagination as the necessary first act of campaign. For that matter, how could a well-bred gentleman from Greenwich, Connecticut see his rise to the task of tribune for America's plain millions except by reinvention, which is the theme of all great American stories. Two lives have joined now in one American story and these two men whom we've run through an outsized ordeal of overwhelming stress will emerge, one in the Oval Office, the other to pick up the pieces of his life, never quite the same again" (10/21).

MEDIA: W. TIMES' Wesley Pruden: "'The tone of much of the AP coverage in the last few days has been on the hopelessness of the Republican cause, it just happens to be true.'" NEWSWEEK's Alter: "People are very worried about the economy. We are not making this up. ... It's not just because the media is telling them. ... If the press was saying things are going hunky-dory for President Bush ... that would be bias" ("Crossfire," CNN, 10/21).

ECONOMIC PLANS: Milton Friedman said none of the the candidates' programs give him confidence the economy will improve: "The thing that bothers me most is ... the lack of reliance on facts." David Gordon called Clinton's program "clearly the most promising," but expressed concern that Perot's "obsession with deficit reduction will destroy the economy before it can recover." Lynn Martin: "Some of [Perot's] ideas in trying to lowering the deficit and control the spending of Congress certainly are useful, but the Bush plan ... is coherent and cohesive" ("M/L," PBS, 10/21).

"It's the way life is, man."

-- Pres. Bush, on coming from behind, "CBS This Morning," 10/22.



SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
Thursday, October 22, 1992

Raleigh

**Raleigh,
North Carolina**

7:20 am **The President departs Radisson
Plaza Hotel for Governor Kerr
Scott Building for Interview**

8:00 am **"CBS This Morning" Interview
Live
(Smith)**

8:50 am **Arrives Radisson Plaza
Hotel for Private Time**

10:30 am **Departs Raleigh for Atlantic
City enroute Vineland, New
Jersey**

12:05 pm **Arrives for Vineland Welcome
(Kaufman)**

**Vineland,
New Jersey**

1:30 pm **Departs Vineland for Trenton**

2:00 pm **Arrives Trenton/Robbinsville
Airport for Airport Welcome
(Kaufman)**

**Trenton,
New Jersey**

3:00 pm **Departs Trenton for Ridgewood**

3:30 pm **Arrives for Ridgewood Welcome
(Kaufman)**

**Ridgewood,
New Jersey**

4:10 pm **Departs Ridgewood for Secaucus**

4:35 pm **Arrives Meadowlands Hilton
Hotel for Private Time**

**Secaucus,
New Jersey**

6:30 pm **Arrives WWOR-TV for "Ask
George Bush" Live
(Smith)**

8:20 pm **Departs Secaucus for
Newark enroute Washington**

**UNP 10/21/92
5:00 pm**



10:00 pm

Arrives White House

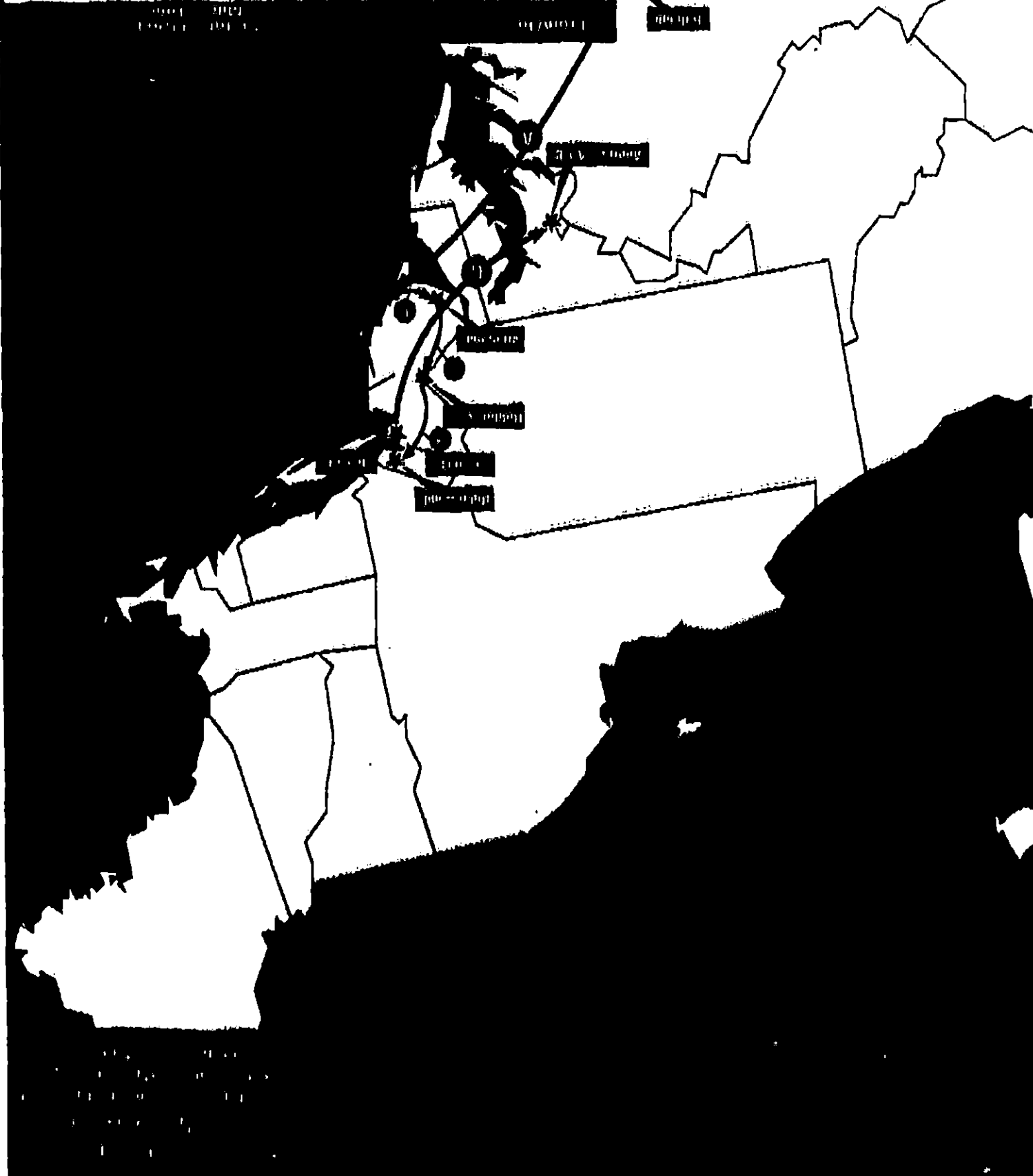
South Lawn

UNP 10/21/92
5:00 pm

Air Force One flight
 Marine One flight

NORTH CAROLINA

- A Raleigh, North Carolina to Atlanta City, NJ
 837 1 hour and 00 minutes
- B Atlanta City to Vinland, New Jersey
 18 0 hours and 15 minutes
- C Vinland to Trenton/Robbinsville Airport
 38 0 hours and 30 minutes
- D Trenton/Robbinsville Airport to Ridgewood, NJ
 88 0 hours and 30 minutes
- E Ridgewood to Secaucus, New Jersey
 19 0 hours and 15 minutes
- F Secaucus to Newark International Airport
 12 0 hours and 15 minutes
- G Newark International Airport to Adams AFB
 205 0 hours and 55 minutes



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 21, 1992

INTERVIEW WITH "CBS THIS MORNING"

DATE: October 22, 1992
LOCATION: Scott Building, State Fairgrounds
Raleigh, North Carolina
TIME: 8:00 a.m.
FROM: Dorrance Smith *MS*

I. PURPOSE

To participate in an interview with "CBS This Morning".

II. BACKGROUND

You are scheduled to participate in a two-on-one interview with Paula Zahn and Harry Smith of "CBS This Morning". You will be the only guest for the entire 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. segment.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Dorrance Smith
Marlin Fitzwater
Paula Zahn
Harry Smith

IV. PRESS PLAN

Exclusive to CBS.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- You arrive Scott Building.
- You receive light make-up.
- You participate in interview with Paula Zahn and Harry Smith.
- You depart.

VI. REMARKS

None

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 21, 1992

VINELAND, NEW JERSEY WELCOME

DATE: Thursday, October 22, 1992
LOCATION: East Landis & 7th Avenue
Vineland, New Jersey
TIME: 12:10 p.m.
FROM: Ronald C. Kaufman *RC*

I. PURPOSE

To generate enthusiasm among local Republican supporters and define the differences between you and Bill Clinton.

II. BACKGROUND

Those in attendance are local Republican elected officials, Bush/Quayle campaign leaders, Victory '92 leaders and grass roots activists from Vineland and surrounding communities.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Governor Kean
State Senator Bill Gormley
Frank LoBiondo (Congressional Candidate-2nd CD)
Approximately 5,000 attendees

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Please see Advance Office Schedule

VI. REMARKS

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 21, 1992

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY WELCOME

DATE: Thursday, October 22, 1992
LOCATION: Trenton/Robbinsville Airport
Trenton, New Jersey
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
FROM: Ronald C. Kaufman @b

I. PURPOSE

To generate enthusiasm among local Republican supporters and define the differences between you and Bill Clinton.

II. BACKGROUND

Those in attendance are local Republican elected officials, Bush/Quayle campaign leaders, Victory '92 leaders and grass roots activists from Trenton and surrounding communities.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Governor Kean
Congressman Chris Smith
Approximately 3,000 attendees

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Please see Advance Office Schedule

VI. REMARKS

Remarks provided by the Office of Speechwriting

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 21, 1992

RIDGEWOOD WELCOME

DATE: Thursday, October 22, 1992
LOCATION: Veteran's Park
Ridgewood, New Jersey
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
FROM: Ronald C. Kaufman *RC*

I. PURPOSE

To generate enthusiasm among local Republican supporters and define the differences between you and Bill Clinton.

II. BACKGROUND

Those in attendance are local Republican elected officials, Bush/Quayle campaign leaders, Victory '92 leaders and grass roots activists from Ridgewood and surrounding communities.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Governor Kean
Congresswoman Marge Roukema
Approximately 5,000 attendees

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Please see Advance Office Schedule

VI. REMARKS

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 21, 1992

WWOR-TV TOWN MEETING

DATE: Thursday, October 22, 1992
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Secaucus, NJ; WWOR-TV Studio
THROUGH: Dorrance Smith
FROM: Maria Eitel

I. PURPOSE:

To participate in a live town meeting with a studio audience.

II. BACKGROUND:

You are scheduled to participate in a town meeting which will air live from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. The studio audience will consist of approximately 140 guests who have been selected for the content of their questions and their blanket representation of the state of New Jersey. Rolland Smith, WWOR-TV anchor, will moderate the town meeting. You recently conducted a one-on-one interview with Rolland Smith at the White House on October 2, 1992.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

The President
Maria Eitel
Rolland Smith, WWOR-TV moderator
Live Studio audience of approximately 140 people

IV. PRESS PLAN:

Closed Press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

- You enter studio and proceed to have make-up applied.
- After make-up, you proceed to the studio to begin the WWOR-TV town meeting.
- You begin participation in question and answer session with studio audience.
- At the end of the hour, you will have a few minutes to make a closing statement.
- Conclusion of town meeting.
- You depart studio.

VI. REMARKS

None

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: HENSON MOORE *[Signature]*
FROM: BOBBIE KILBERG *BK*
SUBJECT: NEW JERSEY (VINELAND, EAST WINDSOR, BERGEN COUNTY,
SECAUCUS)

I. RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

On October 13, Bob Franks (R), who is a State Assemblyman, 7th district congressional candidate, and Republican State Chairman, sent a telegram to Secretary Baker following up on his September 29 letter which urged you to roll back the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) expanded east coast flight plan in order to provide New Jersey residents with aircraft noise relief. For more information on the FAA's noise reduction plan, please see section B below.

On September 23, State Senator John E. Dimon (R), chairman of the legislature's Military Affairs Committee, and Edward A. Kelly, Jr., Military Liaison for Burlington County, wrote voicing their support for using Fort Dix as an orientation and education facility for multinational peacekeeping forces.

II. DISCUSSION

A. Unemployment Rates

New Jersey

September	1992	9.0%
August	1992	9.4%
September	1991	6.0%

Bergen

August	1992	8.8%
July	1992	9.9%
August	1991	6.0%

Vineland

August	1992	12.7%
July	1992	14.8%
August	1991	9.5%

East Windsor (Mercer Co.)

July	1992	7.6%
June	1992	7.0%
July	1991	5.6%

Secaucus (Hudson County)

July	1992	13.6%
June	1992	12.5%
July	1991	8.9%

B. New Jersey Noise Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is preparing to shortly release a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) concerning aircraft operations over New Jersey.

The Aviation and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 required that the FAA prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the effects of the changes in aircraft flight patterns over the State of New Jersey caused by the implementation of the Expanded East Coast Plan (EECP). In addition, the Transportation Appropriations Act FY 92 directed the FAA to conduct a related study encompassing the greater New York metropolitan area to determine if there are ways to reduce aviation noise for New York and Connecticut residents.

The EECP was instituted by the FAA in 1987 to reduce delays, and was partly responsible for an initial 42% reduction in delays at New York-New Jersey airports. However, complaints about aircraft noise and overflights, principally from areas in central and northern New Jersey, were expressed to the FAA after the implementation of the EECP. Senator Frank Lautenberg (D,N.J.) has pressed for the Environmental Assessment as one method to restrict or even eliminate flight operations over the affected areas of New Jersey. In addition, a number of Republican leaders in the State have expressed their desire to see the President roll-back the EECP.

C. State Employee Layoffs

In the biggest round of layoffs in the State's history, Governor Jim Florio (D) dismissed 1,500 state employees on October 5, 1992, in an attempt to balance the State's budget. Over the next eight months, an additional 2,600 state workers are expected to be laid off. Including the 3,500 state workers taken off the payroll last year, New Jersey will have reduced its work force by 10 percent by Spring of '93.

D. Haytaian Economic Growth Proposal

Assembly Speaker Chuck Haytaian (R) has proposed an economic growth package for New Jersey that would: (1) phase out its telecommunications tax, (2) phase in a capital gains tax exclusion, (3) offer a tax credit to companies that boost spending on research and development, and (4) allow small businesses to organize as Subchapter "S" corporations under the Internal Revenue Service Code without risking double taxation.

E. "Medicaidgate"

The New Jersey Legislature's Joint Select Committee on Medicaid Reimbursement is meeting to investigate the State's loss of nearly half a billion dollars in anticipated Medicaid reimbursement funds which has been dubbed "Medicaidgate." This issue has become a political football in New Jersey with the Republican legislative leadership blaming Governor Florio and Florio trying to place the blame on the Republican legislature and the Bush Administration.

In December of 1991, New Jersey applied to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for retroactive claims for reimbursement of Medicaid disproportionate share costs for State and County psychiatric hospitals in the amount of \$450 million. These previously unanticipated federal funds were incorporated by Governor Florio into his FY'92 and FY'93 spending plans.

Based on its clear regulatory requirements, HHS rejected part of New Jersey's retroactive claims in the amount of \$74 million.

On June 25, 1992, HHS Deputy Secretary, Kevin Moley, indicated in a letter to Speaker Haytaian that New Jersey might prospectively receive approximately \$126 million of the requested \$450 million.

On October 16, New Jersey received the \$126 million reimbursement from HHS. This was greeted very positively by the Republican leaders of the legislature.

The Florio Administration, however, is still pushing for full reimbursement of the \$450 million. Speaker Haytaian believes Governor Florio is delaying a settlement until after the election in the hopes of a Clinton presidency.

Governor Clinton chose Rawhay, N.J., on September 24, 1992, to deliver a major health speech which addressed Medicaid, but did not mention the New Jersey dispute.

F. NAFTA

-Since 1987, 36,400 new jobs have been created by growth in New Jersey's manufactured exports to Canada and Mexico.

-Since 1987, exports to Mexico and Canada are up 140% and 150%, respectively.

-Presently, sales to Mexico and Canada account for 29% of State's total exports.

G. Sales Tax Revenue

In what some analysts are pointing to as a signal of improving economic conditions, New Jersey income tax revenue for the month of July increased 9.3% from that collected in June of 1992. The figures are especially promising when juxtaposed to July of 1991, when base sales tax collections dropped 8% from June of 1991. Most significantly, sales tax revenue jumped while the sales tax rate was cut from 7% to 6%.

July FY'92

Sales Tax Rate 7.0%
Revenue -8.0%

July FY'93

Sales Tax Rate 6.0%
Revenue +9.3%

H. Intermodal Surface Transportation Act

Between now and 1997, a total of \$1.2 billion will be spent in Hudson County on projects to improve local roads, consolidate rail service from outlying counties into Penn Station in Manhattan, build a light rail line along the waterfront, and separate traffic bound for the waterfront from the flow of commuters to New York.

Badly in need of improved transit facilities for commuting to New York, New Jersey is a major beneficiary of the Federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Act. Ultimately, the State expects to receive \$2.4 billion for highways, \$1.5 billion for mass transit, \$700 million for bridges and more than \$1 billion for transit and highway demonstration projects.

I. SSA Grants for Outreach Activities

The Social Security Administration (SSA) recently awarded \$8 million in federal grants to 49 community-based organizations to locate and assist low-income elderly, blind and disabled individuals who may be eligible for SSI benefits.

J. Key Federal Grants for New Jersey

Program	Amount
Trade Adjustment Assistance Grant	\$4.8 million
"Fort Dix Job Retraining Grant" (Burlington County of Economic Development)	\$1.15 million

K. Federal Drug Grants to New Jersey (millions)

	FY'89	FY'93*	Percent Change
Total:	25.1	49.6	97%

* 1993 preliminary data estimates based on your budget request.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 21, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RONALD C. KAUFMAN ²¹⁰
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: NEW JERSEY POLITICAL BRIEFING

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT VISIT

On this trip, the President will travel to Vineland, Trenton and Ridgewood to address BUSH-GUAYLE rallies and to Secaucus to host an "Ask George Bush" forum in WWOR-TV studios. Vineland is in Congressional District 02, represented by Democrat Congressman William Hughes. Representative Hughes is seeking a tenth term and faces Republican State Assemblyman Frank LoBiondo. Trenton is in Congressional District 04, represented by Republican Congressman Chris Smith. Representative Smith is seeking a seventh term and faces Democrat Brian Hughes, the former Chairman of the State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Control Committee. Ridgewood is in Congressional District 05, represented by Republican Congresswoman Marge Roukema. Representative Roukema is seeking a seventh term and faces Democrat challenger Frank Lucas. Secaucus is in Congressional District 09, represented by Democrat Congressman Robert Torricelli. Representative Torricelli is seeking a sixth term and faces Republican State Assemblyman Patrick Roma.

POLITICAL HOT POINTS

Immediately after the final Presidential Debate on October 19, WCBS News Radio conducted a call-in poll of 9,000 people who were each charged 95 cents. These were the results:

President Bush:	49%
Clinton:	33%
Perot:	17%
Undecided:	1%

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Between October 2 and October 4, the Asbury Park Press conducted a poll of 696 likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.8 percent. These were the results:

President Bush:	30%
Clinton:	46%
Perot:	7%
Undecided:	18%

On October 16, the President visited to Edison to attend a Middlesex County College Welcome and to Somerset to attend a Victory '92 event.

On September 30, the President visited Newark to accept an endorsement by the Patrolman's Benevolent Association of New Jersey and to address the Heavy and General Construction Laborers, Local 472.

On September 18, the President visited Basking Ridge to address female employees at an AT&T plant.

On October 19, the Vice President travelled to Vineland to host a Victory '92 Breakfast and to Pennsaken to attend BUSH-QUAYLE and Victory '92 rallies.

On October 21, the First Lady visited Hackensack, Saddle River and Paramous to participate in BUSH-QUAYLE events.

On September 15, the First Lady visited Camden to attend a Victory '92 luncheon and to visit the Victory '92 Headquarters.

On September 18, Mrs. Quayle visited Park Ridge to attend a Victory '92 fundraiser.

On September 30, Clinton visited Somerset to attend a \$4 million fundraiser for state and national Democrat candidates.

On September 24, Clinton visited Rahway to speak about health care to a crowd at Merck Pharmaceuticals. Clinton appeared with his arm around Democrat Governor Jim Florio.

On September 15, Mrs. Gore visited southern New Jersey to speak about family leave.

On September 14, Mrs. Clinton visited Newark speak to teenage mothers -- ages 13 - 20 -- in a child care center.

In late August, Gore visited northern New Jersey to talk about economics and the environment.

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Clinton is conducting an aggressive television and radio campaign, running the "Read My Lips" advertisement frequently.

Last week, the New Jersey Clinton-Gore Headquarters released a statement suggesting that 500 workers were fired from a Maidenform plant in Bayonne because the Agency for International Development encouraged the company to move to Honduras. After the New Jersey BUSH-QUAYLE Headquarters challenged that account, a Clinton spokeswoman admitted that there is no direct connection between the layoffs and the Agency. Maidenform officials stated that the company is consolidating and moving to Florida and North Carolina to hire 450 workers.

The federal welfare waiver that the President announced for New Jersey has been well received and voter discontent with Governor Florio's tax increases remains a key issue. Florio's package included \$2 billion in new taxes to cover a \$600 million deficit that has grown this year to \$800 million.

Prominent Republican businessmen, including former Kings Supermarket Chief Executive Allen Binder, joined Republicans for Clinton, a group formed by pro-choice Republican women.

New Jersey's largest export market is Canada and its sixth largest market is Mexico. Between 1987 and 1991, New Jersey's exports to Canada rose to \$2.8 billion -- an increase of 150 percent. Between 1987 and 1991, New Jersey's exports to Mexico rose to \$452 million -- an increase of 140 percent.

New Jersey will receive \$3.3 billion from the President's \$151 billion Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.

1992 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

The New Jersey Presidential Primary was held on June 2. These were the results:

1992 Presidential Primary

Republicans

President Bush	83%
Pat Buchanan	17%

Democrats

Clinton	59%
Jerry Brown	20%
Paul Tsongas	11%
Uncommitted	7%

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Minimal BUSH-QUAYLE staff was in New Jersey during the primaries. While there was no presidential travel during the primary season, several mass mailings were sent with slate cards. There was no paid media in the state on behalf of the BUSH-QUAYLE campaign.

Despite his re-entry into the race, Perot's New Jersey organization remains minimal. State Republicans and Democrats are competing for support among disenchanted Perot supporters. Former Perot leadership has met with Governor Tom Kean and greeted the President on recent trips to New Jersey.

CONGRESSIONAL OUTLOOK

SENATE OUTLOOK

The two Democrat Senators who represent New Jersey, Frank Lautenberg and Bill Bradley, will be up for re-election in 1994 and 1996, respectively.

HOUSE OUTLOOK

Although Republican Congresswoman Marge Roukema (CD-05) disagrees with the President's veto of the Family Leave bill, she has stated her full support of the President's bid for re-election. Despite reports that she "boycotted" the President's trip to Basking Ridge on September 18, Congresswoman Roukema clarified that her absence was due to Congress being in session.

On September 16, former Republican Congresswoman Millicent Fenwick died of natural causes at the age of 82. Fenwick served four terms in the House and supported President Bush against former President Reagan in 1980.

The Congressional Primary was held on June 2. No incumbents lost.

On September 13, Republican Congressman Matthew Rinaldo (CD-07) announced his retirement after serving ten terms. Bob Franks resigned his Chairmanship to run for the open seat. He faces Democrat nominee Leonard Sendelski, a Somerset County contractor. State Assemblyman Dick Kamin is rumored to be interested in the New Jersey Republican Chairmanship.

Democrat Congressmen Robert Roe (CD-08) and Frank Guarini (CD-14) are retiring this year. In CD-08, Republican State Senator Joseph Bubba and Democrat Herbert Klein are vying for the seat that Roe is vacating. In CD 06, Republican State Senator Joseph Kyrillos will face incumbent Democrat Frank Pallone. Kyrillos worked for President Bush during the 1984 Presidential Campaign.

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Senator Al Gore recently toured the New Jersey shore with Congressman Fallone. In addition, former Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt, who now serves as President of the League of Conservation Voters, said that the group "rated Fallone as having one of the best voting records on environmental issues."

Reapportionment

New Jersey lost one district due to reapportionment and two Democrat districts were merged.

STATEWIDE OUTLOOK

Democrat Essex County Executive D'Alesandro is under indictment for misuse of campaign funds.

Democrat Governor Florio is laying off 1,500 government workers because of what he calls "budget reduction needs." Although the State Supreme Court temporarily halted the layoffs, the cut is expected to go through in a few weeks.

In 1991, voter revolt against Governor Florio's tax increases led to the Republican takeover of the State Legislature. In the Senate, Republicans captured 11 seats held by incumbent Democrats, constituting the first GOP majority in 18 years. Republicans regained control of the Assembly as well, which they lost to the Democrats in 1989. Republicans now dominate the Senate by a margin of 27 - 13 and the Assembly by a margin of 58 - 22. In 1991, Republican candidates won nearly 3/4 of all elected posts at the state, county and municipal levels.

Governor Florio recently signed one of the nation's toughest bans on assault weapons. In opposition to the President's position on Federal weapons legislation, Tom Kean supports the ban.

On September 23, the Star Ledger published an article written by Gordon Bishop that praised the President, EPA Director William Reilly, and US Fish and Wildlife Director John Turner for their environmental policies. The review cites positive comments in the current issue of Audobon Magazine, such as Reilly and Turner's "richly deserved reputations for integrity and courage."

Voter Registration

Independent:	48%
Democrat:	32%
Republican:	20%

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PARTY & CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY

Since late September, volunteers have been making identification and advocacy telephone calls to 5,000 people every night.

On October 16, New Jersey BUSH-QUAYLE Headquarters launched a massive three-piece mail program. The mailing focused on jobs and the economy and will reach 700,000 households.

Chairman Rich Bond, Secretary Louis Sullivan, Secretary Lynn Martin, Secretary Lamar Alexander, Secretary Jack Kemp, Secretary Andrew Card, Doro Koch, and Christine Whitman have participated in BUSH-QUAYLE events in New Jersey. The First Lady, Doro Koch, and Secretary Lynn Martin have focused on courting women voters.

In the 1988 Presidential election, the BUSH-QUAYLE ticket defeated Dukakis-Bentsen by a margin of 51 percent to 48 percent.

No Republican candidate for the presidency has lost New Jersey since 1964.

NJ Republican Leaders

BUSH-QUAYLE '92 Co-Chairman:
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BUSH-QUAYLE '92 Executive Director:
Victory '92 Chairman:
Victory '92 Finance Chairman:
RNC Finance Chairman:
State Chairman:
National Committeeman:
National Committeewoman:
Senate President:
Assembly Leader:
Former Attorney General:

Tom Kean
Bo Sullivan
Bill Palatucci
Bob Franks
Cliff Sobel
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

October 21, 1992

To: The President

10/21 13:30

From: Mike Boskin *MJB*

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Re: Initial State Unemployment
Claims for week ending
October 10

For the third week in a row, initial claims for state unemployment insurance declined substantially. At 368,000, they are at the lowest level since early August 1990.

Michael J. Boskin
Chairman

4:30 P.M. NEWS UPDATE

NEW JERSEY (Robbinsville/Terence Hunt, AP) -- President Bush warned middle-class taxpayers that Bill Clinton is "going right after your wallet" to pay for the programs he wants. "You cannot get all the money he wants to spend from the rich," Bush told a cheering crowd of thousands at an outdoor rally in Vineland. "He's going right after your wallets, man," Bush added. "You hold a job on Main Street, he's going after you, so button it up and vote for me." Offering a variety of reasons to vote for him, Bush mentioned his wife, Barbara, and said, "I think we've got a great first lady and I want to see her stay there." The crowd loudly agreed. More than 500 people -- including former Lebanon hostage Joseph Cicippio -- greeted Bush at a rally at the Trenton-Robbinsville airport. "God bless America and God bless the President," Cicippio said.

(Vineland/Lori Santos, UPI) -- President Bush expressed confidence that he would defeat Bill Clinton, saying Americans would support him because "great nations like great men to keep their word." Accentuating the trust theme he apparently hopes will bring him victory, Bush again accused Clinton of wavering on issues from trade to taxes in his quest for votes and came as close as he has to calling his opponent a liar. "In the Oval Office...you cannot lie and you can't be all things to all people. And over and over again, Gov. Clinton is trying to be all things to all people," he said to several thousand cheering supporters. Presenting himself as a steady leader and statesman, Bush suggested the nation needed him more than he needed the presidency. "It's not a question of wanting to be president. It's a question of finishing the job for the young people here today," he said.

CLINTON/WEST (Seattle/UPI) -- Bill Clinton told supporters in Seattle that the political leanings in the western U.S. are changing, and he expects that change will help carry him into the White House. Clinton vowed to support family and medical leave legislation for workers, and took aim at the legacy of the Republicans' 12-year hold on the White House, particularly the ailing economy. "All they know how to do is say 'tax and spend,' but look at their record," he said. "It was Mr. Bush who said, 'Read my lips' and then signed the second-biggest tax increase on the middle class in history. It was Mr. Bush who raised spending higher than any president in the last 30 years."

CLINTON FILE/PROBE (AP) -- The State Department inspector general will investigate allegations that officials who searched the passport files of Bill Clinton also looked for records under his mother's name, a spokesman said. Clinton, campaigning in Seattle, told a crowd that the State Department had been "not only rifling through my files but investigating my mother, a well known subversive. It would be funny if it weren't so pathetic." In Hot Springs, Clinton's mother, Virginia Kelley, reacted to the report by saying it was "frightening enough when they did it to Bill but to do it to me -- it's frightening."

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CAMPAIGN/ENDORSEMENTS (New York/AP) -- For the first time since 1964, it appears likely that a Democratic candidate for president will receive more newspaper endorsements than his Republican opponent. In a nationwide survey of newspapers, the industry journal Editor & Publisher found 149 endorsements for Bill Clinton and 121 for President Bush, the magazine's managing editor, John Consoli, said.

FIRST LADY (New York/AP) -- First Lady Barbara Bush said she refuses to even privately criticize her husband's decisions or performance in the presidential debates. "You need a friend, someone who loves you, who's going to say, 'You are great,'" Mrs. Bush said on the syndicated television show, "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee." But she said her husband's opponents "make up their own facts" and were able to take control of the debates. "It doesn't make him a very good debater if you're debating people who make up their own facts."

BNL/GONZALEZ (Reuter) -- The Bush Administration was refusing to provide documents it promised Congress about the investigation of illegal bank loans to Iraq by the Atlanta branch of an Italian bank, Rep. Gonzalez said. "The Administration has been claiming, with amazing frequency over the past few weeks, that it has 'not denied Congress access to one single document' regarding the Iraq-gate case. This would be almost laughable if it wasn't so disturbing," Gonzalez said in a statement.

PEACE TALKS/ISRAEL (Reuter) -- Israel sent a new signal that it was willing to be flexible in Middle East peace talks on the key issue of withdrawal from the occupied Golan Heights if Syria satisfied its needs for full peace. Israel's chief negotiator, Itamar Rabinovich, told reporters at the end of the second day of the seventh round of talks: "They want full withdrawal and we have our own notion of the territorial issue. And we have also indicated to the Syrians that this notion is not necessarily rigid and our view could be affected by what the Syrians will tell us on the issues that are of interest to us."

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GEORGE BUSH

WASHINGTON

The Honorable John R. Dellenback
1132 Skyline Drive
Medford, Oregon 97504

GEORGE BUSH

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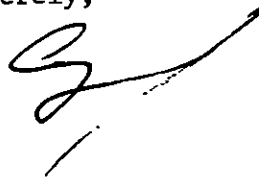
October 22, 1992

Dear John,

I really appreciate your message about the debate.
It's been an uphill battle, to be sure. However,
I'm confident that we will win, due in large part
to good and loyal friends like you Mary Jane.

Barbara joins me in sending our warmest best wishes
to you both.

Sincerely,



cc: R. Zamaria
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Jan Bumeister

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Bush/Quayle Committee for mailing.

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John R. Dellenback
1132 Skyline Drive
Medford, Oregon 97504

October 11, 1992

Dear Mr. President and Barbara

Mary Jane and I have just finished watching your first debate with Clinton and Perot, and I couldn't resist writing this brief note. Please forgive what Mary Jane feels is my only semi-legible handwriting. I read considerably better than I write, Barbara.

You did well, M.P. Your substance was solid and good — you were articulate — and you looked at ease and in control. Most importantly you came across as credible, committed and trustworthy. Perot is what he appears to be I suppose. Clinton is facile and glib, but just plain doesn't project your credibility and trustworthiness.

Our prayers and affection are and will continue to be with you both. Keep up the fine work — in the office and home and on the trail.

Agape

John

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GEORGE BUSH
WASHINGTON

Ms. Christine Johnson
6415 Rannock Drive
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28304

GEORGE BUSH

WASHINGTON

October 22, 1992

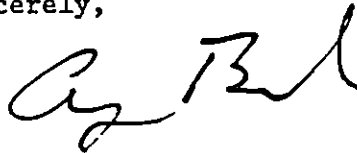
Dear Christine,

Thank you for the warm letter and Desert Storm poem.
They touched my heart and I appreciate your thinking
of me.

"The Spirit of America" train trip was wonderful and
I was able to see and meet so many people. Maybe
some day I'll be able to do it again.

Thanks, again, for your kind words and strong
support. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



cc: R. Zamaria
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10/20/92

Dear President Bush,

I wish I could give this to you in person. It would have been a great honor.

You have done so much for our country and the world. You are truly a great leader.

The enclosed poem was published the day the air war began. I believe it summarizes the way many people still feel.

We wish you the very best of luck in the election. I apologize for the informality of this.

A strong supporter,

Christin Johnson

A plea for peace

On January 11th, Mrs. Christine Johnson, who lives in North Carolina, wrote The Journal-Scene to tell us and the people of Summerville how much she and her husband appreciate the letters he has received from this town.

Sgt. David Johnson is serving in Operation Desert Shield. Originally from Summerville, he had written Mayor Berlin G. Myers and this newspaper a letter asking to hear from some of his hometown friends. That letter prompted this newspaper to instigate a Letter Brigade, asking that readers write letters to military personnel in the Mid-East.

Mrs. Johnson's letter appears in our Letter to the Editor section on page 2A.

But in addition to that letter, she also submitted a poem she had written. We publish it below in the belief that it speaks with the voice of all Americans at this most fateful of times.

THAT ONE ABOVE

Close your eyes and dream with me,
picture a world where all are free.

Free to laugh and live and love,
that's what He wants, that One above.

How His eyes must now be filled with tears,
to see our world filled with pain and fears.

This is not the way He meant it to be,
when He created the world for you and me.

We have before us a job, you and I,
to put the joy back in His eyes.

And, yes it will be a difficult task,
but I promise you it's within our grasp.
Think of the children and what could be,
if we all came together, yes, you and me.

Their future is what's at stake,
please let's find peace, for their sake.

There are many steps along the way,
to change the world takes more than a day.

And long after you and I are gone,
the struggle, I'm sure, will still go on.

It doesn't matter what country you claim,
when it breaks down, we're all the same.

We all want to laugh and live and love,
that's why He put us here, that One above.



PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN WHISTLESTOP SPECIAL

Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Clam Chowder

Chicken Cordon Bleu
en sauce

Mixed Rice

Green Beans Amandin

Rolls

Apple Crumb Pie
with whipped cream



THE NEW GEORGIA RAILROAD DINNING CAR SERVICE

NOTE FOR THE FILE

This handwritten note appears on the back side of the Luncheon menu.

Christine Johnson
285 Tallywood Shopping Center
Fayetteville, NC 28303

Poem on Desert Storm given
to President Bush 21 Oct 1992

GEORGE BUSH

WASHINGTON

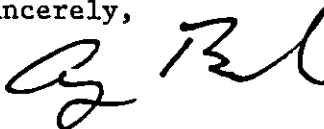
October 22, 1992

Dear Susie,

Thanks so much for your nice drawings. It makes me very happy to know you are on my side.

Here is a picture of me and my dog Ranger. Ranger is a good dog and a lot of fun. I hope you like it. Good luck in school!

Sincerely,



Miss Susie Flowers
3300 Lockport Court
Richmond, Virginia 23233

cc: R. Zamaria
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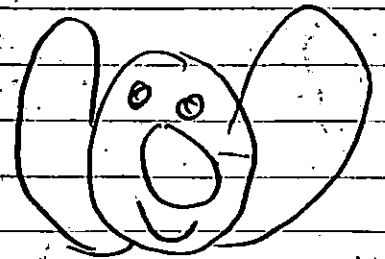
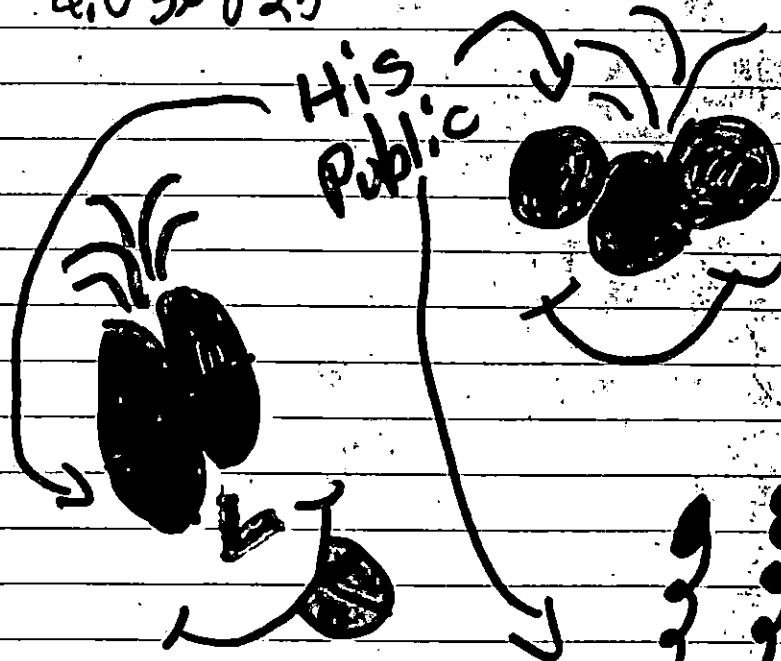


To Susie Flowers -
Good Luck *By Phil*

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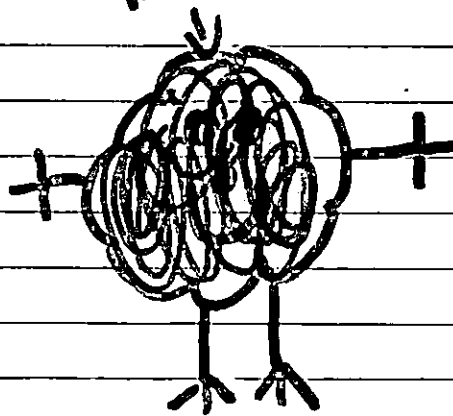
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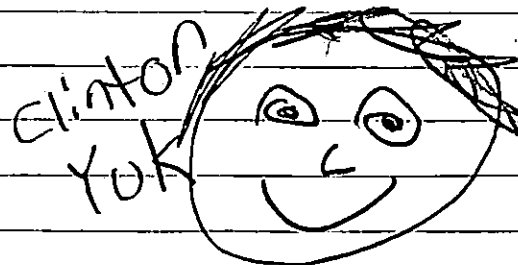


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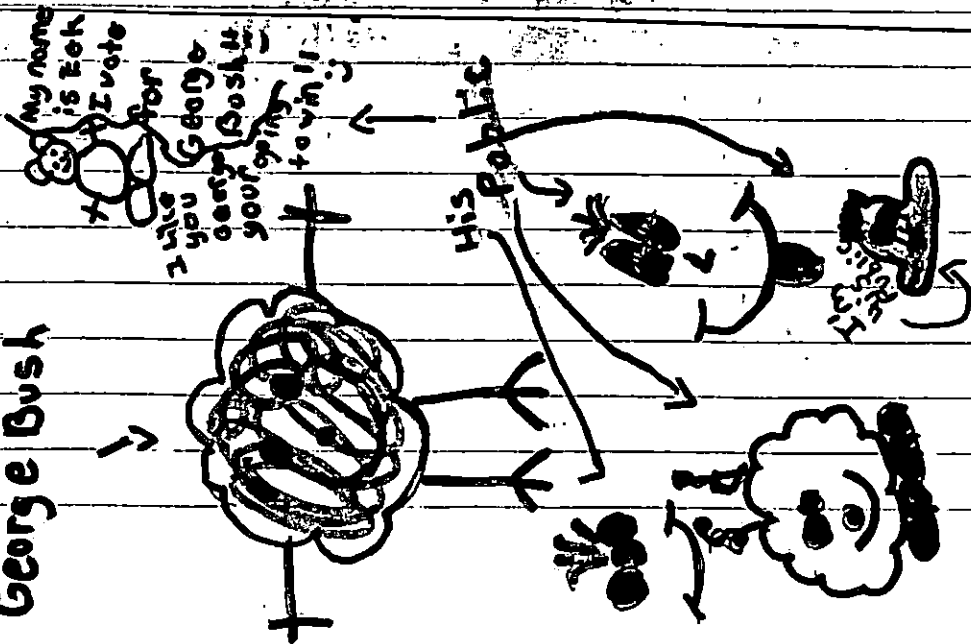
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George Bush II

I like
you
George
your going
to win!!!

By: Susie
Flowers

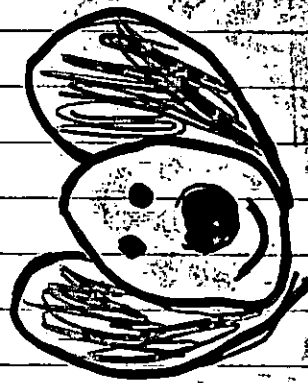
Peror is ok. But Not as
good as bush

George Bush



I'm a 5th grader
Clinton is
terrible, very terrible

Peror



Peror

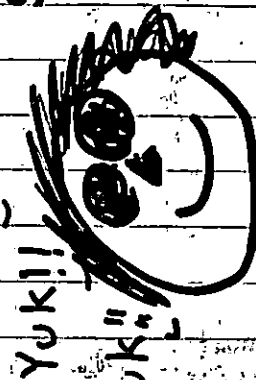
He's ok

He might
win it's
a night

Bush
QuaLay '92

Clinton

bo!!
bo!!



Clinton

Yuk!!

I'm agenst
him he smelles!!

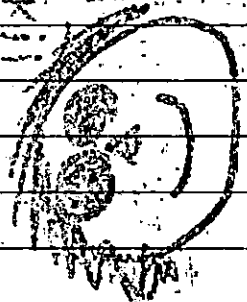
He's
going
to lose

very
bad
very
bad

Turn on backs!!

3/2/92

1992
2/10/92
3/2/92

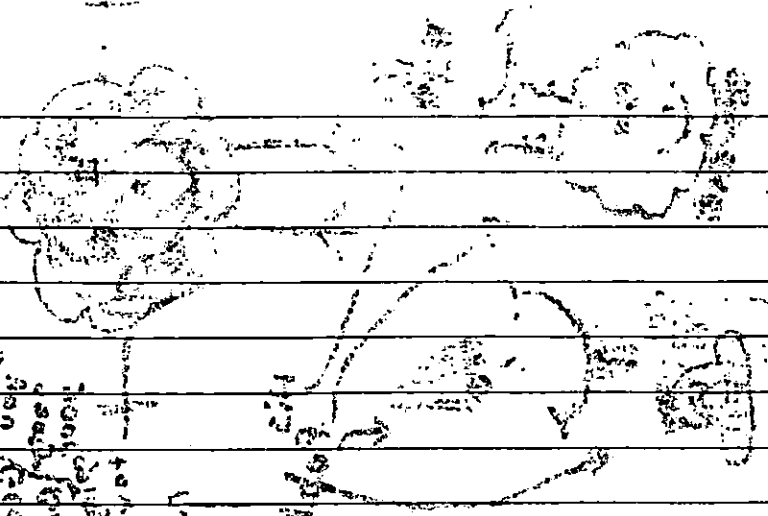


motor
1/1/92

the chapter
of the
1/1/92



Right
on
Bush
1/1/92



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what A Garden!!
😊

To: George

From: Susie

Bush

Flowers

My Phone number is 360-2948
My Address is 3800 Lockport Ct.
23233 Richmond, Va.

I'm a 5th grade

Please
Read
This

Please

there
are

Please

missed

spelled

words

o.k.

o.k.!!

will

you

mail

me

your

Address!!

pleaser

pleays

pleas

Preage

and

your

picture

signed!!

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