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March 14, 1989

Mr. Tony Benedi
Presidential Scheduling Office
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Tony:

What a delight to learn that President Bush will address the ASNE convention at lunch on April 12! That will be the first day of the convention proceedings, and he'll be speaking at the prime spot in the program.

As I indicated, we will welcome the President at any time that fits his schedule. Our druthers are that he speak beginning at about 1:20 p.m. The preceding session will conclude at noon, with a half hour allowed for the convention attendees to make their way to the Grand Ballroom for lunch. We expect the food service to get under way at 12:30 p.m. The Marriott can finish service by about 1:15-1:20.

We expect that the luncheon will attract a capacity crowd of about 1100. Primarily, the audience will consist of editors of daily newspapers and their spouses. In addition, we expect full media (electronic and print) coverage of the event. C-Span will cover the speech as well.

~~Usually, the luncheon speaker makes remarks lasting about 20 minutes, and that is followed by a 20-minute question and answer period. ASNE convention rules specify that only members of the Society can ask questions.~~

In the past, the President has been greeted by the ASNE officers and the convention program chairman in the Marriott's VIP Holding Room. Those present on April 12 (should the President want to follow this tradition) would be John Lawrence Seigenthaler DOB [REDACTED] Loren Frank Ghiglione DOB [REDACTED] Burl Osborne (no middle name) DOB [REDACTED] David Lawrence Jr. (no middle name) DOB [REDACTED] and James David Squires DOB [REDACTED] and myself (Lee Houston Stinnett [REDACTED])

In summary, here is the ideal scenario for April 12:

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Noon-12:30 -- Attendees will enter the ballroom through a security check.

12:30 -- Luncheon service begins.

1:15 -- Luncheon service ends.

1:15 -- President Bush arrives in the VIP Holding Room and is greeted by ASNE officers.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSISTS OF THE OFFICERS AND THE FOLLOWING

LARRY ALLISON Long Beach Press-Telegram	JAY AMBROSE Rocky Mountain News	LINDA GRIST CUNNINGHAM Parappany Daily Record	KATHERINE FANNING [REDACTED]	GREGORY FAYRE [REDACTED]	JOHN FINEGAN [REDACTED]	ALBERT E. FITZPATRICK Knight-Ridder Inc.	WILLIAM A. HILLIARD [REDACTED]
WILLIAM B. KETTER Quincy Patriot Ledger	SUSAN MILLER Scraps Howard	TED M. NATT Longview Daily News	ROUFE NEILL [REDACTED]	JEAN OTTO [REDACTED]	ARNOLD ROSENFELD [REDACTED]	JAMES D. SQUIRES Chicago Tribune	SEYMOUR TOPPING [REDACTED]

1:20 -- President Bush enters the Grand Ballroom and is introduced to approximately 1100 newspaper editors, their spouses and guests.

1:40 -1:50 -- President Bush concludes his remarks.

1:50 - 2:15 -- Questions from ASNE members in the audience.

2:15 -- President Bush departs and luncheon ends.

If the President could arrive earlier, or stay longer, we would, of course, be delighted.

ASNE President **John Seigenthaler** will preside and introduce the President. The introduction will be very brief and cordial. Mr. Seigenthaler is editor and publisher of the Nashville Tennessean and editorial director of USA Today. Head table dignitaries on April 12 will be the ASNE Board of Directors. I shall be happy to provide a list to you a little later on.

We will cooperate fully, of course, with the Secret Service and do whatever is required. It would be helpful to know as soon as possible what will be required, including whether or not we will need Society Security numbers and dates of birth for the headtable guests.

I thought it might be of interest to you to have the remarks delivered by President Reagan at the 1986 and 1988 conventions, and I enclose copies. (He did not speak in 1987 when the ASNE convention was in San Francisco.) When the full convention schedule is more or less firm, I shall send that along to you also.

President Bush appeared also in 1988 as a candidate and in 1981. I enclose copies of his remarks on those occasions. For your information, every President has addressed the Society since it was founded in 1924. In fact, President Warren Harding, a former newspaper editor, was a member of the Society.

We await further details from you, particularly regarding the President's timetable on April 12. Let me know if you have questions.

With best regards,



Lee Stinnett
Executive Director
Direct Phone: (703) 648-1145

cc: John Seigenthaler, Jim Squires

The Lower case

Dad wants baby left on airliner

Boulder, Colo., *Daily Camera* 7/16/88

Koop says nicotine addicts like heroin

Horsham, Pa., *Record* 5/17/88

Two recruits satisfy OSU women's coach

Columbus, Ohio, *Dispatch* 6/10/88

Ah, the glamour, the pigs



Attica, Ind., *Star Tribune* 6/3/88



Use of basement must end in fall

Asbury Park, N.J., *Press* 7/1/88

Dentist receives plaque

Carroll County (Md.) *Times* 7/14/88

What teens think

They like Bush, but fear AIDS

The Cincinnati Post 7/12/88

Prisoners Earn Trust, Freedom From Governor

Albuquerque Journal 5/31/88

INDIANAPOLIS — Parole Board advised clemency for Shirley Etsinger, 40, who killed husband in '72 with ant poison. Next: Gov. Orr.

USA Today 6/9/88

Panama Curbs Puzzle Companies

The New York Times 4/12/88

Police walking Market Street strip on regular basis

Wilmington, Del., *News Journal* 6/12/88

CORRECTIONS

In an article run June 28 on Vermont College commencement speaker Peace Corps Director Lorete Miller Ruppe, it was reported that she was urging graduates to actively engage in "global riotism." Due to a computer error, this was a misquote. It should have read that Ruppe urged graduates to engage in "global patriotism."

The Times-Argus (Montpelier, Vt.) 7/5/88

Last-minute substitute drowns leading students on coast trail

Victoria, B.C., *Times Colonist* 6/16/88

Lawyer accused of lying to fly

The Miami Herald 7/6/88

The Lower case

2 Senior Consultants Fired From Sen. Dole's Presidential Campaign



The Washington Post 2/26/88

DRUGS: Military's use urged

Honolulu Star-Bulletin 3/2/88

FBI guards wounded Chicago Teamster official

Journal Courier (Jacksonville, Ill.) 1/24/88

X-ray of girl shows bureaucratic mentality

Toronto Globe and Mail 1/18/88

Jury acquits man of strangling woman over lack of evidence

News Chronicle (Thousand Oaks, Calif.) 1/28/88

Professor of Greek thought dead at 59

Daily Hampshire Gazette (Northampton, Mass.) 2/25/88

For an in-debt discussion of the new tax law, Publication 920, Explanation of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 for individuals, is available by using the order blank in the tax return package or by calling 1-800-424-3676.

The Salt Lake Tribune 2/23/88

Feb. 29, '88 7 p.m.	Feb. 30, '88	Feb. 31, '88
Jupiter	Jupiter	Venus
Venus	Venus	Jupiter 20°
		10°

The Boston Globe 2/29/88

Brecksville Council approves new guns and studies cemetery expansion

Brecksville, Ohio, Gazette 2/24/88

Mounties charge Trudeau's ex-wife

Honolulu Star-Bulletin 3/18/88

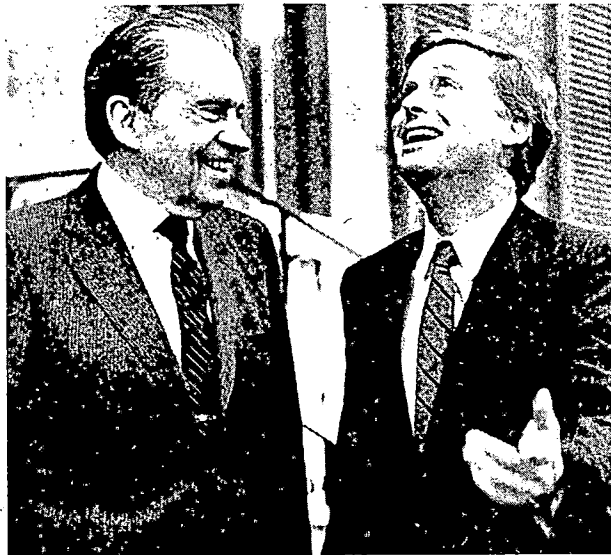
Slain soldiers told to stay away from funeral

Amarillo (Tex.) Daily News 3/21/88

The Lower case

**Stupidity quiz:
How to flaunt
airheadedness**

The Des Moines Register
11/24/88



Associated Press

Trial ends in mercy killing

The Burlington (Vt.) Free Press 12/1/88

Peru jetliner crash kills 12, irks pilots

Greenville (S.C.) Piedmont 10/26/88

Arafat Appeals To Bush

The Charlotte Observer 11/13/88

Gay Groups Suggest Marines Selectively Prosecute Women

The New York Times 12/4/88

CORRECTIONS

- A People column item yesterday on the Mrs. America pageant contained an error from The Associated Press. A question from a sex survey form should have read, "Can you be in love with two men at the same time?" not, "Can you make love with two men at the same time?"

The Seattle Times 12/4/88

Elliott's size no obstacle for Trojans

Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch 10/11/88

Customer likes to be explored at seminar

Daily Sun News (Sunnyside, Wash.) 11/29/88

Virgin sightings in Yugoslavia 'a joke,' magazine says

San Diego Tribune 10/22/88

Large part of N.C. fit for disposal

The Raleigh Times 12/1/88

Crowd keeps police from stabbing victim

San Luis Obispo County (Calif.) Telegram-Tribune 10/10/88

German Filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl Sings With Doubleday

Publishers Weekly 11/4/88

Gastineau Credits New Girl Friend for Sack Success

The Buffalo News 10/16/88

The Lower case



Campaigning: Gov. Dukakis takes his presidential campaign to the Midwest this week.

Swindle warning issued

Lawrence, Mass., *Eagle-Tribune* 9/4/88

EPA moves to slow ruin

The Knoxville News-Sentinel 8/2/88

Blind woman forced by cop to clean up after her guide dog accepts settlement

Evening Times-Globe (Saint John, N.B., Canada) 8/17/88

State Recycling Skyrockets in 1988

Tulsa World 8/18/88

Chile Bars an Opposition Videotape Dealing With Torture From Television

The New York Times 9/14/88

OUR SCHOOLS

Writing is think

The Gazette (East Hartford, Conn.) 6/24/88

**Donald Erickson,
A Magazine Editor
At Times, Dies at 56**

The New York Times 8/3/88

Inmates, Boy Scouts may be used in conversation clean up project

The Barnstable Patriot (Hyannis, Mass.) 9/8/88

FDA demands leaky condoms

American Medical News 9/16/88

Some lie to have sex, study says

Tribune-Democrat (Johnstown, Pa.) 8/15/88



Miss America to get new image

Minneapolis Star Tribune 7/4/88

INSIDE: Not a damn thing is inside

Delaware State News 8/1/88

CJR asks readers who contribute items to this department to send only original clippings suitable for reproduction; please include the name and date of publication, as well as your name and address.

*Run everything
Past Amy Schwartz!*

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WASHINGTON MARRIOTT GRAND BALLROOM
WED., APRIL 12, 1989/1:20 pm.

↳ who?

Your introduction was very kind, but you left out a few items. It may come as a surprise to you, but I consider myself something of a master of media manipulation. In fact, I'm so good, you can't even tell I'm doing it . . .

Call me the Stealth Communicator . . .

Well, today, let no one miss this message. Let it ring loud and clear. Ethical standards are central to my Administration and our nation, and we will enforce them -- strictly, comprehensively, fairly, and to the letter and spirit of the law.

*Amy Schwartz
4/7/89* ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
Ten weeks ago, I issued an Executive Order creating the President's Commission on Federal Ethics Law Reform. And I asked its members to recommend steps to foster full confidence in the integrity of all federal public officials and employees.

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On March 9, this Commission filed its report and its recommendations. Today, I am announcing a new Executive Order

and legislation to enforce government ethics in fact, not merely in theory. At this moment, legislation is being sent to the Congress. And this morning, I issued an Executive Order concerning standards of conduct for executive-branch employees.

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- Amy Schwartz
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Both actions seek a common end: To raise ethical standards, to avoid conflicts of interest, and to ensure that the law is respected in fact and appearance.

There are those, of course, who rightly say that public ethics and values cannot be legislated. But they can be encouraged, respected, and adhered to in government . . . Public servants must reflect the best values of America. And let me add that most public servants do.

Jefferson said, "The whole art of government consists in being honest." Yet, too often, simple honesty is not enough. Government rules have worked at cross-purposes. Our regulations have been unfair and complicated. Our laws have been contradictory and unclear. We've spent more time trying to understand Federal ethics laws than we have trying to live by them.

My ethics program seeks to remedy these defects. How? By achieving four objectives: First, to set high ethical standards; second, to ensure uniform standards among all three branches of

government; third, to insist that these standards are fair and reasonable; and, fourth, to bring in, not drive out, talented men and women to government.

First, my ethics program insists that ethical standards must be exacting enough to ensure that officials act with utmost integrity, for the public's confidence is not ours to inherit. We must earn that confidence. It must be constantly renewed. With this in mind, I have placed a ban on outside income for Executive Branch employees. I am proposing expanded financial disclosure for all three branches of government. And I have instructed my staff to perform a comprehensive review of federal campaign finance laws.

Non-Career
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Comments
Amy Schwartz
Counsel

Regarding the latter, I have already reached one determination. Congress should extend, for all members, the prohibition against the conversion of political contributions for personal or office use. Political donations should not become a sort of Individual Retirement Account for Congressmen. I call on Congress to close this loophole, and close it this year.

I am also proposing a 25 percent pay raise for federal judges, while restricting their acceptance of honoraria. In addition, I hope to work with Congress to award long-overdue raises for senior federal executives, especially those in specialized positions -- like the National Institutes of Health.

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I will also consult with Congress on a possible congressional pay raise, and the question of honoraria.

See Comments - Amy Schwartz

My ethics program's second goal insists that standards be equitable across all three branches of government. Remember: If every branch of government is equal, none warrants preferential treatment. If Washington is a level playing field, then every player should be treated the same.

See Comments - Amy Schwartz

Therefore, assuming the continued existence of the Independent Counsel, I request that we extend that statute to cover the Congress. I want to create an independent ethics office for the Congress, to be headed by an independent official, confirmed by both houses. I ask that the existing one-year post-employment "cooling-off" period for senior executive-branch employees also apply to the two other branches.

And I want to extend to legislative- and judicial-branch employees and judges the Federal statute that prohibits employees from taking actions which enhance their own financial interests.

Then, there's the third objective of my ethics program. It insists that standards be reasonable and reflect good old-fashioned common sense.

Some financial interests, for example, are too minor to create any meaningful conflict-of-interest. So, I want the Office of Government Ethics to have the authority to issue regulations authorizing waivers from the conflict-of-interest statute. But at the same time, we're urging tougher penalties when intentional violations of criminal conflict-of-interest laws occur.

Amy Schwartz

We're asking officials from all three branches to simplify the forms that must be completed by prospective appointees. ~~And my Executive Order sets forth tighter ethical standards for executive-branch employees.~~ To make this clear, I'm ^{ALS} requiring mandatory annual briefings on ethics for Presidential appointees.

My program's fourth objective is to attract and keep the best people in government, by keeping federal ethics laws fair and balanced.

An ethics law is not a weapon, a blunt instrument with which to pound a public servant. It is not a gag with which to silence the outspoken. It is not an instrument of torture with which to torment the unpopular. It is a tool for government as honest as the American people.

America must not allow overly restrictive requirements to be abused, or to keep talented people from entering public service.

That is why we have carefully crafted new post-employment restrictions. And that is why we want to allow persons who are required to divest assets to defer their tax liability.

My ethics program shows exactly where we are going, and why. We seek to attract, and keep, the best and brightest in government. And by helping others -- honorably, ethically -- we seek to show how public service is not the sum of our perks or possessions, but a measure of how we conduct ourselves and what we achieve.

Standards of trust and honesty do not emanate from Washington. They are to be found in the everyday conduct of working men and women; in the postman who checks on the elderly resident at home; in the cashier who runs after the customer she overcharged.

Ethics in public service derives from the natural integrity of the American people. And the ethos of public service itself derives from a broader spirit of volunteerism. That is why I have declared this to be National Volunteer Week. This is more than another honorific for the calendar. I am using the office of the Presidency actively, to promote and to inspire a national outpouring of community service.

I will challenge employers to establish literacy programs and day-care centers. I will challenge local civic groups to "adopt" a local school, hospital or nursing home. I will challenge more churches and synagogues to organize food drives for the homeless. To every American, I will ask for more than a donation of dollars. I will ask for the precious donation of time and effort, for a giving of the heart.

And to young Americans, I will deliver a special message: Don't just measure success by the acronyms of material wealth -- V.C.R.s, C.D.s and BMWs. From now on, the good life in America must include service to others . . .

Come to think of it, this is a code for all to live by, from high school to the highest calling in journalism and government. As a society fragmented into sectors, and atomized into individuals, we can do little. As a national community aware of a common fate, bound by a collective purpose, we can achieve anything.

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless America.

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The Lower case

Condom faults could lead to dating policy

The Courier-News (Bridgewater, N.J.) 6/15/88

Hirohito's body moved

Edmonton, Alberta, Sun 1/20/89

S.C. Senate OKs Marital Rape

The Evening Post (Charleston, S.C.) 1/27/89

Police chase winds through three towns

The Saint Croix Courier (New Brunswick, Can.) 12/14/88

■ Several Vikings hit with intestinal infection; more color photos. Page 14C

Minneapolis Star Tribune 10/10/88

Critics say county mental health near collapse

Star-News (Pasadena, Calif.) 1/9/89

Dead cats protest

Daily Telegraph (London, Eng.) 10/18/88

In many of her films, Whoopi Goldberg has an irritating tendency to take over the screen, dominating plot and co-stars with foul-mouth humor or brassy arrogance. The last time she's done anything worthwhile was in "The Colored People" where she played a character instead of herself.

The Charleston (W. Va.) Gazette 11/18/88

Grammer Hotline Available

Downtown Planet (Honolulu, Ha.) 10/24/88

Lord to advise Quayle

Des Moines Register 1/11/89

Actor sent to jail for not finishing sentence

Knoxville, Tenn., News-Sentinel 1/21/89

NATIONAL NEWS



Hudson



Barry

Rock Hudson hid disease from lover, lawyers contend

The Palm Beach Post 1/7/89

State: Sex with minor worth felony charge

El Paso Times 11/25/88

MOSCOW DECEMBER 6 TASS - DEPUTY SOVIET HEALTH MINISTER ALEXANDER BARANOV GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO THE NEWSPAPER PRAVDA TODAY DEALING WITH THE SITUATION IN THE WEST UKRAINIAN CITY OF CHERNOVTSY WHERE CHILDREN DEVELOPED A DISEASE CAUSING BOLDNESS.

Tass 12/6/88

Rest of the Year May Not Follow January

The Wall Street Journal 1/19/89

- 4185 *Duty*: What one expects from other people.—*Oscar Wilde*
- 4186 *Earnest people*: People who habitually look on the serious side of things that have no serious side.—*Van Wyck Brooks*
- 4187 *Economist*: A person who knows tomorrow why the things he said yesterday didn't happen today.
- 4188 *Economy*: Spending money without getting any fun out of it.
- 4189 *Economy*: That mysterious something that impels us to pay too little for something we need and too much for something we want.
- 4190 *Editor*: A person who separates the wheat from the chaff and prints the chaff.—*Adlai E. Stevenson*
- 4191 *Education*: What you get from reading the fine print. *Experience*: What you get from not reading it.
- 4192 *Education*: What parents get when they talk to teen-agers.
- 4193 *Efficiency*: The ability to get someone to do your job.
- 4194 *Efficiency expert*: A person who can cope with your troubles but not with his own.
- 4195 *Egotism*: The anesthetic that dulls the pain of stupidity.
- 4196 *Egotist*: A person who thinks as much of himself as you think of yourself.
- 4197 *Egotist*: A person who never talks about other people.
- 4198 *Etiquette*: Knowing which finger to put in your mouth when you whistle for the waiter.
- 4199 *Evening*: The time when people do almost anything to keep from going to bed.
- 4200 *Executive*: A person who never puts off until tomorrow what he can get someone else to do today.
- 4201 *Executive*: A person who has trained others to discharge his responsibilities.
- 4202 *Exile*: One who serves his country by residing abroad, yet is not an ambassador.—*Ambrose Bierce*
- 4203 *Expert*: One who doesn't know more than you do but uses slides.

The Lower case

Dole and Bush dead even in Kansas polls

San Luis Obispo County, Calif., *Telegram-Tribune* 12/28/87

When Mussolini and the Fascists came to power in Italy, Mussolini went to the United States, where he became musical director of the Metropolitan Opera, the New York Philharmonic and the NBC Symphony Orchestra. Perhaps the greatest interpreter of Verdi and Wagner, he was able to conduct a 600-work repertoire entirely by memory.

The Washington Post 1/3/88

New image for hospital



Bisbee, Ariz., *Gazette* 10/30/87

Sadomasochism not considered normal behavior

Charleston, W. Va., *Daily Mail* 1/20/88

After Spill, Jockey's Business Falls Off

The Washington Post 12/4/87

BILL'S AUTHOR: State Rep. Stephen Freind, R-Delaware, explains legislation that would restrict abortions in Pennsylvania to members of the state House of Representatives.

Centre Daily Times (State College, Pa.) 11/25/87

Mechanic tied to part in jet that may fail

The Arizona Republic 12/25/87

Akron balks at paying flat fee to recycle energy plant adviser

Akron, O., *Beacon Journal* 12/9/87

Ex-fireman starts prison for sex crimes

New Orleans *Times-Picayune* 1/27/88

Artist's end gets action at hospital

Pottsdale, Pa., *Mercury* 12/4/87

\$3 Million Verdict To Injured Detective Cut Nearly in Half

New York Law Journal 11/25/87

Married folks survive better with cancer

Greenville, S.C., *Piedmont* 12/4/87

The Lower case

Air of dinosaur era
may breathe new
life into old debate

Seattle Post-Intelligencer 10/29/87



Candlelight ceremony unties couple

The Morris (Ill.) Daily Herald 9/16/81

Story correction

A story in Monday's *Northwest Arkansas Times* erroneously reported that people who do not subscribe to the newspaper may not have learned about a robbery at Dillard's last week if no newspaper had been published for the week. The story should have referred to an armed robbery at Dillon's grocery store on Hwy. 45. Monday's story concerned National Newspaper Week. The *Times* regrets this error.

Northwest Arkansas Times
(Fayetteville, Ark.) 10/6/87

Former Ambassador Will Cook Dead

Fayetteville, N.C., Observer 10/6/87

Mrs. Smith's growth OK'd

Pottstown, Pa., Mercury 11/25/87

Runaway truck misses family

The Somerset (N.J.) Spectator 10/1/87

Afghan king may have roll in peace

Newark, O., Advocate 11/25/87

Juvenile judges want jail space to detain girls

New Orleans, La., Times-Picayune 11/13/87

Civil Libertarian Proves People Can Fight Justice

Wyoming State Tribune 10/27/87

Today's chuckle

● **TEAMSTERS CHIEF Jackie Presser:** "I believe the future will hold that the Teamsters union, being back in the AFL, joining forces together, are going to create the greatest political giant that this country has ever seen."

The Miami Herald 10/30/87

Stock Market Cools Real Estate Fever

Los Angeles Times 11/8/87, Section VIII, page 16

Real Estate Unhurt by Stock Dive

Los Angeles Times 11/8/87, Section VIII, page 1

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS
WASHINGTON MARRIOTT GRAND BALLROOM
WED., APRIL 12, 1989/1:20 pm.

Opening seems abrupt.

I want to communicate a message on ethics in government service. Let it ring loud and clear. Ethical standards are central to my Administration and our nation, and we will enforce them -- strictly, comprehensively, fairly, and to the letter and spirit of the law.

We must work together to reform a public code of conduct that is in disarray. It is not logical or fair. It is both too harsh and too lenient. It elevates detail over substance; precept over principle. It aspires to God-like omniscience, and results in only a narrow code of straightjacket rectitude.

What
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Such a system ultimately breeds cynicism and contempt for the law. To truly reform it, we must remember that standards of trust and honesty are not dictated from regulations written in Washington. They are to be found in the everyday conduct of working men and women; in the postman who checks on the elderly resident at home; in the cashier who runs after the customer she overcharged. The millions of Americans who meet their

obligations honestly, and teach their children to do the same, see nothing extraordinary about asking for the same in government.

This was my approach in Congress, believing that our code of conduct in the House should be as straightforward and as open as possible. That is why I sponsored a measure for full financial disclosure that (John S).

Yet more than twenty years later, it is increasingly obvious that our system today is still not working as it should. It is not fair. And it is not always respected. The American people are troubled when a few prominent officials, in all three branches of government, show a brazen contempt for the letter or spirit of the law. And the American people do not understand why certain behavior is considered criminal when committed by an executive branch official; and perfectly legal when committed by a Member of Congress. Is not a crime a crime? Should there not be an underlying standard of integrity for all?

As President-Elect, I was also hearing from talented men and women who, though perfectly honest, declined government service out of fear. Fear of the sheer complexity of federal ethics laws. Fear that a simple, honest mistake could lead to a public nightmare.

These concerns led me to issued an Executive Order creating the President's Commission on Federal Ethics Law Reform. I asked its members to recommend steps to foster full confidence in the integrity of all federal public officials and employees.

On March 9, this Commission filed its report and its recommendations. Today, I am announcing a new Executive Order and legislation to restore our confidence in honest government. At this moment, legislation is being sent to the Congress. And this morning, I issued an Executive Order ~~concerning standards of~~ ^{announcing the principles for} conduct ~~for~~ executive-branch employees. ^{the}

Both actions seek a common end: To raise ethical standards, to avoid conflicts of interest, and to ensure that the law is respected in fact and appearance.

There are those, of course, who say that public ethics and values cannot be legislated. But they can be encouraged, respected, and adhered to in government Public servants must reflect the best values of America. And let me add that most public servants do.

Jefferson said, "The whole art of government consists in being honest." Yet, too often, simple honesty is not enough. Government rules have worked at cross-purposes. Our regulations have been complicated and unequally applied. Our laws have been

contradictory and unclear. We've spent more time trying to understand Federal ethics laws than we have trying to live by them.

My ethics program seeks to remedy these defects. How? By setting four objectives: First, to establish clear principles; second, to ensure uniform standards among all three branches of government; third, to insist that these standards be fair and reasonable; and, fourth, to ensure that ~~clear~~^{the} standards attract, ✓ not drive out, talented men and women to government.

First, my ethics program insists that ethical standards must be exacting enough to ensure that officials act with utmost integrity, for the public's confidence is not ours to inherit. We must earn that confidence. It must be constantly renewed.

With this in mind, I have placed a ban on outside income for ~~certain~~^{non-career} Presidential appointees, ^{in the Executive Branch} including all employees in the ~~immediate~~^{White House} White House. I am proposing expanded financial disclosure for all three branches of government. And I have instructed my staff to perform a comprehensive review of federal campaign finance laws.

Regarding the latter, I have already reached one determination. Congress should extend, for all members, the prohibition against the conversion of political contributions for personal or office use. Political donations should not become a

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sort of Individual Retirement Account for Congressmen. I call on Congress to close this loophole, and close it this year.

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I am also proposing a 25 percent pay raise for federal judges, while restricting their acceptance of honoraria. I will consult with Congress on the question of a congressional pay raise and the related issue of honoraria. And I will include in that discussion the question of a pay increase for certain Executive Branch positions, including specialized jobs like those at the National Institutes for Health.

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for Members of Congress as recommended by my ethics commission

My legislative proposal also strengthens the rules against abusing the revolving door for private gain at the expense of the public trust. These rules must not make government service a bar to productive work in the private sector, but they must prohibit the application of prohibitions of profiting from government service and also must apply to the legislative branch.

My ethics program's second goal recognizes that ethical consistency demands equitable standards across all three branches of government. Under our Constitution, every branch of government is equal, and none warrants preferential treatment. The same standard that applies to a staff person at HUD should also apply to housing subcommittee staff on the Hill. A practice is either ethical or it is not. There cannot be different standards for federal employees in the different branches of government.

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I am also proposing that we extend the Independent Counsel statute to cover the Congress. There should also be an independent ethics office for the Congress, to be headed by a clearly nonpartisan official, confirmed by both houses. I ask that the existing one-year post-employment "cooling-off" period

for senior executive-branch employees also apply to the legislative and judicial branches.

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The Federal statute that prohibits employees from taking actions which enhance their own financial interests, ~~should also~~ be extended to cover legislative and judicial branch employees.

Then, there's the third objective of my ethics program. It insists that standards be reasonable and reflect good old-fashioned common sense.

Some financial interests, for example, are too minor to create any meaningful conflict-of-interest. So, I want the Office of Government Ethics to have the authority to issue regulations authorizing waivers from the conflict-of-interest statute. But at the same time, we're urging tougher penalties when intentional violations of criminal conflict-of-interest laws occur.

We're asking officials from all three branches to simplify the forms that must be completed by prospective appointees. ~~And~~ ~~my Executive Order sets forth tighter ethical standards for~~ ~~executive branch employees~~. To make this clear, I'm ^{also} requiring mandatory annual briefings on ethics for Presidential appointees.

My program's fourth objective is to attract and keep the best people in government, by keeping federal ethics laws fair and balanced.

An ethics law is not a weapon, a blunt instrument with which to pound a public servant. It is not a gag with which to silence the outspoken. It is not an instrument of torture with which to torment the unpopular. It is a tool to ensure a government as honest as the American people.

America must not allow overly restrictive requirements to be abused, or to keep talented people from entering public service. That is why we have carefully crafted new post-employment restrictions. And that is why we want to allow persons who are required to divest assets to defer their tax liability.

My ethics program shows exactly where we are going, and why. We seek to attract, and keep, the best and brightest in government. And by helping others -- honorably, ethically -- we seek to show how public service is not the sum of our perks or possessions, but a measure of how we conduct ourselves and what we achieve.

Ethics in public service derives from the natural integrity of the American people. And the ethos of public service itself derives from a broader spirit of volunteerism. That is why I

have declared this to be National Volunteer Week. This is more than another honorific for the calendar. This Administration will work actively to promote and to inspire a national outpouring of community service.

We will challenge employers to establish literacy programs and day-care centers. We will challenge local civic groups to "adopt" a local school, hospital or nursing home. We will challenge more churches and synagogues to organize food drives for the homeless. To every American, we will ask for more than a donation of dollars. We will ask for the precious donation of time and effort, for a giving of the heart.

And to young Americans, I will deliver a special message: Don't just measure success by the acronyms of material wealth -- T.V.s, V.C.R.s and BMWs. From now on, the good life in America must include service to others . . .

Come to think of it, this is a code for all to live by, from high school to the highest calling in journalism and government. As a society fragmented into sectors, and atomized into individuals, we can do little. As a national community aware of a common fate, bound by a collective purpose, we can achieve anything.

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless America.