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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *CW*

FROM: DANIEL MCGROARTY *DM*

SUBJECT: REPUBLICAN NATIONAL HISPANIC ASSEMBLY DINNER REMARKS

I. SUMMARY

On Tuesday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m. you will address the Republican National Hispanic Assembly Dinner. About 700 people are expected.

Lee Atwater will emcee the event, and you will be introduced by Cathi Villalpando.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks applaud the many valuable contributions that the Republican National Hispanic Assembly has made to the Republican party. They also point out that the success of Hispanic-Americans, both in the Republican party and in American society in general, give credence to the fact that we are the party of opportunity and inclusion.

McGroarty/Dooley
September 8, 1989
6:00 pm
[HISPANIC]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: REPUBLICAN NATIONAL HISPANIC ASSEMBLY
DINNER
OMNI-SHOREHAM HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C.
SEPTEMBER 12, 1989
7:30 PM

Thank you, Cathi [Villalpando, nominee for U.S. Treasurer].
I'm looking forward to having you officially on the team. I know
you're going to make a great U.S. Treasurer.

I am pleased to be joined tonight by my Chief of Staff John
Sununu, and I want especially to acknowledge your guest of honor,
Senator Orrin Hatch -- Chairman of the Republican Senate Task
Force on Hispanic Affairs -- for all of his efforts on behalf of
the Hispanic community.

Like me, I know many of you had a chance to get away on
vacation this summer. Before I go any further, I want to put an
end to a rumor that's making the rounds since I was up in Maine
about a covert, amphibious operation off the coast of the
American northeast. There's simply no truth to the talk that the
bluefish I finally caught was hooked on my line by a Navy
frogman.

I see tonight's Master of Ceremonies is the Andres Segovia of the Republican Party, Lee Atwater. [[Pause]] Actually, the tunes Lee likes to play aren't always music to everyone's ears. I hear Lee asked Orrin Hatch: "If I bring my guitar tonight, would you have any special requests?" Orrin said: "Just one -- that you don't play it." [[Pause]]

Let me say I'm deeply honored to meet once again with a group I've watched with admiration since its very beginning 15 years ago -- one that's devoted so much time and energy to advance the Republican cause.

You've made the 1980s a time of great pride for Hispanic Americans. I'm honored to enjoy the advice and counsel of two able Cabinet officers of Hispanic descent: Manuel Lujan and Lauro Cavazos. And just one week ago, we welcomed Ileana Ros-Lehtinen to Washington -- the first Cuban-American to serve in Congress, and the twelfth American of Hispanic heritage in the 101st Congress. Ileana is here tonight -- and I can tell you after just one week, she's going to be a force to be reckoned with on Capitol Hill.

I can't tell you what Ileana's victory has done for our spirit in Florida -- but I haven't heard of so much enthusiasm since my family found out I caught a fish. [[Pause]]

Ileana's election is just one more sign that Hispanic Americans have made it into the mainstream -- and that more and more Hispanic Americans are choosing the Republican Party. For everyone in this room tonight, that's the ultimate victory we're fighting for. I thank you -- and I want to thank tonight's Master of Ceremonies, Lee Atwater, who is dedicated to making the Republican Party the party of outreach and inclusion: a majority party built on mainstream values.

Last week, I spoke to the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce down in New Orleans about the extraordinary accomplishments of Hispanic entrepreneurs. The enthusiasm was electric -- and the contribution these businessmen and -women are making to the American economy can't be measured in terms of GNP alone. They understand that they are role models to the next generation of Hispanic Americans -- tangible proof that every door is open, and success is within their reach.

And the successes we see really come as no surprise. The values the Hispanic community holds dear are the very founding values of this nation -- and of the Republican Party: faith and family, hard work and individual responsibility, respect for others. And above all, an abiding love of freedom. Those are all the ingredients anyone ever needs to succeed -- anywhere from the streets of San Antonio or Miami to the halls of Congress or at the President's table as an officer of the Cabinet.

Our nation -- and our party -- need your contributions. Tonight is a night to take pride in all you've done -- and take home with you a commitment to write the next chapter in the success story of Hispanic American achievement.

Once again, thank you. God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9/7/89

MEMORANDUM

TO: DAVID DEMAREST/STEPHEN STUDDERT

FROM: JOSEPH W. HAGIN

SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

EVENT: Address 1989 National Hispanic Heritage
Presidential Tribute

DATE: Sept 12, 1989

TIME: 7:30 pm

DURATION: 30 mins

LOCATION: Omni Shoreham Hotel, Wash., D. C.

ATTIRE: Black Tie

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Open

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September 7, 1989
5:00 pm
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*sworn in
Sept-89*

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Once again, thank you. It has been a pleasure to stop by this evening.

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Foley Swears In Newest Member

Ros-Lehtinen Is 12th Hispanic In 101st Congress

By Craig Winneker

The newest Member of Congress, Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fla.), took the oath of office yesterday and became the nation's highest-ranking Hispanic woman.

Ros-Lehtinen is also the first Cuban-American ever to be elected to Congress. She will represent Florida's 18th district, which comprises most of Miami and Miami Beach. The seat was left vacant when Rep. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.) died May 30 at age 88.

Ros-Lehtinen also becomes the 12th Hispanic Member of Congress.

"As a Cuban-American whose family has fled the horrors of Communism," Ros-Lehtinen said on the House floor after being sworn in, "I think that this day serves to

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Above: After being sworn in as the newest Member of Congress yesterday, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen kisses her husband Dexter. Daughter Amanda, 3, gets a ride. Right: Daughter Patricia, 2, is totally unimpressed.

Poll Shows Conyers Is Far Behind in Mayor Race

Detroit Incumbent Coleman Young Leads Government Ops. Chairman; Vote Set Sept. 12

By Carin Dessauer

With less than a week to go before next Tuesday's primary, Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich) may be regretting that he ever thought of challenging incumbent Detroit Mayor Coleman Young (D).

Some local political analysts say that the 12-term Congressman may even fail to make it into the two-person runoff set for Nov. 7.

If he winds up third or worse, Conyers, who did not have to give up his seat to run

for mayor, could suffer when he runs for another Congressional term.

A poll conducted in late August by Wayne State University's Center for Urban Studies, showed Young leading with 38 percent of the vote and Conyers well back in second place.

The Congressman polled 12 percent, with accountant John Barrows close behind at 9 percent. The poll found undecided levels very high, at 30 percent.

An earlier poll by Market Opinion

Research for the Detroit Free Press and WXYZ-TV, conducted immediately after Conyers entered the race in late July, showed Young (31 percent) and Conyers (27 percent) in a close race.

Still, despite the evident decline in support for Conyers, Mayor Young clearly has some problems. Almost all local political insiders agree that the mayor has weak backing for an incumbent who has served for 16 years.

At 71, the mayor is attacked by his critics

as being too old and for not doing enough to help the city's troubled economy and drug problems.

But, while there's clearly some ABC ("Anybody But Coleman") sentiment in the city, the Conyers campaign does not appear to have convinced the electorate why the Congressman, who is 60, should replace the Mayor.

Local observers say that Conyers has also been hurt by a late start and by a

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Heard On The Hill

By Bill Thomas

Will Power. The estate of the late Rep. Stewart McKinney

(R-Conn) is tied up in probate court, while McKinney's wife Lucie and the man who claims to have been his lover for five years, Arnie Denson, fight it out over several items—including a townhouse in Washington and a 1975 Chevrolet convertible.

Mrs. McKinney is claiming that her husband, who died of AIDS in 1987, borrowed \$400,000 from her trust fund and now wants that amount paid back with money from the will.

"I thought Lucie and I were friends," says Denson.

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Will Ethics Drop Savage Sex Case?

By Kim Mattingly

An informed source has told Roll Call that Rep. Gus Savage (D-Ill) — who came under scrutiny in July for allegedly fondling a Peace Corps volunteer during an official trip to Zaire — is off the ethics hook.

The House ethics committee is on the verge of dropping its preliminary investigation of Savage, says the source, because the 28-year-old woman who complained of the assault has refused to testify before the panel.

"She doesn't want to do it. She wants it dropped," the source, who is close to the inner workings of the committee, told Roll Call.

Reps. Pat Schroeder (D-Colo.), Barney Frank (D-Mass), and Matt McHugh (D-NY) had requested the investigation of Savage after the Washington Post

published details of an interview with the woman about her encounter with Savage.

According to the Post, the woman accused the 63-year-old Congressman of repeatedly fondling her in the back of a chauffeur-driven embassy car while he was visiting Zaire in March.

"He touched me against my will," the woman told the Post. "He grabbed me. He put his arms around me. He pulled me up against him."

One week after the incident, the woman was flown back to the United States where she underwent six weeks of therapy for victims of sexual assault.

But according to the committee source, the woman appeared before the ethics panel in August and indicated that she did not wish to testify on the incident — fearing future embarrassment and mental stress.

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Rep. Gus Savage: He's off the hook, says a well-placed source.

Ros-Lehtinen, 37, Succeeds Pepper, 88

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solidify the belief and the truth that the United States is truly the land of opportunity, where all of our dreams can be made possible if we try hard enough."

After a bitterly fought special election campaign that was polarized along ethnic lines, Ros-Lehtinen defeated Miami lawyer Gerald Richman, 53 to 47 percent, on Aug. 29.

Ros-Lehtinen, 37, was joined at the swearing-in ceremony by her husband, US Attorney Dexter Lehtinen, and their two daughters, Amanda, 3, and Patricia, 2.

Although she has spoken with House Minority Leader Bob Michel (R-Ill) about committee assignments, no decisions have been made yet. A spokeswoman for Michel said an announcement could come next week.

After her swearing-in, Ros-Lehtinen spoke to reporters, answering more questions in Spanish than English.

"I would like to be on the Foreign Affairs Committee because this is something that is very important in my Congressional district — especially regarding Israel, Cuba, and Central America," Ros-Lehtinen told Roll Call (in English). The district has a heavy Jewish, as well as Hispanic, population.

Ros-Lehtinen also expressed an interest in the Judiciary Committee, where she could concentrate on the issues of crime and drugs, also important to her constituents.

But an appointment to either of the two committees will be tough, Ros-Lehtinen admitted.

The last Republican to join Foreign Affairs was freshman Rep. Porter Goss (Fla), and the last Republican to win a seat on the Judiciary Committee was freshman Rep. Craig James (Fla), so geographical



On the East Plaza of the Capitol after she was sworn in yesterday, newest Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fla) spends some quality time with her daughters, Amanda, three (at left), and Patricia, two.

Photo by Maureen Keating

considerations could make it difficult for Ros-Lehtinen to get either of her committee choices.

Currently, GOP vacancies exist on the Government Operations and Judiciary Committees, but Members could be shuffled to give Ros-Lehtinen a seat on a panel other than one of these.

The new Member is busy setting up shop in 1022 Longworth. Her administrative assistant will be Rusty Roberts, who previously served as director of the Miami office of former Sen. Paula Hawkins (R-Fla). Margie Garcia, a campaign aide to Ros-Lehtinen, is acting as a temporary press contact.

Currently, Ros-Lehtinen is staying at a local hotel while she looks for a place to live. She plans to commute between Washington and Miami, where her husband and children will continue to live.

Ros-Lehtinen is the 176th Republican in the House. There are 255 Democrats, and four seats are vacant.

More Heard On The Hill

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"Stewart would be very upset if he were alive today," Denson told HOH. "But he had a good sense of humor, and so do I. Once I told him I was going to put on a dress and try to join the Congressional Wives Club."

Fear of Flying. Following the deaths of Reps. Mickey Leland (D-Texas) and Larkin Smith (R-Miss), Members of Congress are thinking twice about flying in small planes. Sens. Al Gore and Jim Sasser (both D-Tenn) don't like to make trips in anything less than a twin-engine airplane with two pilots. According to Rep. Sonny Montgomery (D-Miss), a 22-year Congressional veteran, new Members "fly a lot and do take chances. The longer you're in the job, the less chances you take."

Fertility Rate. In a development totally unrelated to recent Hill sex scandals, pregnancies are running rampant in the office of Rep. Connie Morella (R-Md).

Morella, the mother of three and the guardian of her late sister's six children, denies encouraging her staff to reproduce. But three of them are either having or fathering offspring. The situation has prompted one aide to say: "If you're not pregnant, but wish to be, please stop by and visit."

Conyers Faces Prospect of Missing Runoff, But Undecideds May Help

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disorganized campaign. The Congressman hired a campaign consultant who had already worked for two of the other mayoral candidates. After several weeks, the aide resigned, charging that members of Conyers's campaign staff were taking drugs.

After a challenge by candidate Barrows, Conyers agreed to take a drug test himself. Conyers last month showed reporters a toxicological exam showing his urine sample was drug-free. He said the results showed he was "clean as the Board of Health."

Local political insiders also point out that the Congressman, who this year succeeded Rep. Jack Brooks (D-Texas) as chairman of the House Government Operations Committee, has never had to run a tough citywide race.

While Barrows, who has never held elective office, trails Conyers in the polls, he could still beat the Congressman and make the runoff. He won significant name recognition in taking nearly 40 percent of the vote against Young in 1985.

Barrows, like the other top contenders, is black, but local experts expect that he will be the choice of a majority of the whites who come out to vote.

The city is approximately 70 percent black. There is only one white person in the race, and he is not given any chance.

Young has the backing of the local establishment and what's called the NBC ("Nobody But Coleman") vote, including labor and church leaders.

Conyers recently claimed that he had the endorsement of former presidential candidate Jesse Jackson. But spokesmen

for Jackson say that their man has made no endorsement. The Detroit Free Press has endorsed Conyers, and the Detroit News has endorsed Barrows.

City Council President Erma Henderson is also running. All of the candidates are Democrats.

Source Says Peace Corps Volunteer Won't Testify

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She has since been sent out of the country on a new Peace Corps assignment, the source said, adding that without the complainant, the House ethics panel does not have much of a case against Savage.

But regardless of what the ethics committee does, two Democrats are launching an aggressive campaign to replace Savage in his Chicago district. (See Roll Call next Monday for details.)

In other business, the ethics committee is expected to announce after its next meeting, set for Tuesday, that it will begin a preliminary investigation into Frank's admission that he paid a male prostitute \$80 for sex and later hired him as a personal assistant.

The prostitute, Steve Gobie, also has said that Frank knew he was running a

prostitution ring out of the Congressman's Washington apartment. Frank claims he only suspected the illicit activity and fired Gobie when the suspicions were confirmed.

But a committee source said the ethics

The panel is also expected to announce Tuesday that it will begin a preliminary probe in the Frank case.

investigation, initiated at Frank's request, will focus on Frank's own admission to paying for sex and the fact that prostitution is against the law.

'89 National Hispanic Heritage
Presidential Tribute

TO: Peggy Dooley
FROM: Susan Gonzales

9/7/89 3:10 pm

*Honorary Chairmen**

*Honorable William Armstrong
Honorable Steve Bartlett
Honorable Christopher S. Bond
Honorable Rudy Boschwitz
Honorable Conrad Burns
Honorable John H. Chafee
Honorable Robert Dole
Honorable Pete V. Domenici
Honorable Jake Garn
Honorable Slade Gordon*

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Honorable Shiree Sanchez
Mr. Jonathan Bush
Ms. Cathi Villalpando*

*Honorary Host Committee***"ALLIANCE OF HISPANIC NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS"*

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National Association of Cuban American Women Inc.*

*Mr. Mario Diaz
American GI Forum of the U.S.*

*Ms. Sally V. Martinez
LULAC*

*Ms. Janice Petrovich
ASPIRA Association Inc.*

*Mr. Abel Quintela
U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce*

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*You are cordially invited to the
'89 National Hispanic Heritage Presidential Tribute and Gala*

*dedicated to
President and Mrs. George Bush*

*honoring
United States Senator Orrin G. Hatch
Chairman, Senate Task Force on Hispanic Affairs*

Tuesday, September 12, 1989

*Omni Shoreham Hotel
2500 Calvert Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008*

*Black Tie Optional
Reply card enclosed*

*6 p.m. General Reception
7 p.m. Tribute Dinner
9:30 p.m. Dance*

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**GENESIS OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL
HISPANIC ASSEMBLY OF
THE UNITED STATES**

The development of an independent, Republican organization to foster the principles of the Republican Party was conceived by a small group of Americans of Hispanic origin; all volunteers.

They petitioned George Bush, then Chairman of the Republican National Committee, for permission to organize the Republican National Hispanic Assembly of the United States. Under his encouragement and technical assistance from RNC personnel, an organizational conference was called in July, 1974, and the foundation for its organization was laid.

One of the committees prepared a Constitution which was then reviewed, adjusted and adopted in July, 1975. Officers were elected and a major organization effort was started.

Under the direction of the National chairman, twenty-three states are in organization, each with its own constitution, elected officers and plans for the organization of their respective states. Of significance is the fact that the Republican National Hispanic Assembly of the United States was conceived, funded and implemented by American volunteers of Hispanic origin, eagerly seeking a place with the individual Party organizations and with the Republican National Committee.

OBJECTIVES

The Republican National Hispanic Assembly of the United States has been organized by Americans of Hispanic origin:

1. To promote and to encourage national, state and local participation of Spanish-speaking citizens in Republican Party activities and to work for the advancement of the Party's principles, policies and candidates;
2. To stimulate the members' participation in the regularly constituted structure of the Republican Party;
3. To endorse and support Republican candidates for public office;
4. To serve as a Republican fund-raising mechanism in the Spanish-speaking community.

In order to implement these objectives the official Hispanic auxiliary of the Republican National Committee (RNC) was organized. The staff and volunteers work together to meet the organizational objectives and assist the Republican National Committee with outreach efforts to the Hispanic community.

In every instance, management oriented individuals have been recruited and motivated to participate as volunteer state representatives of their respective states. They, in turn, have recruited equally motivated individuals to serve as county representatives for this national organization.

3 National Hispanic Heritage Presidential Tribute

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AGENDA

Monday, September 11
OMNI SHOREHAM HOTEL

Presidential Tribute Will Call 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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WELCOME RECEPTION 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
MANSFIELD ROOM

Tuesday, September 12
OMNI SHOREHAM HOTEL

Hosted breakfast for HISPANIC ALLIANCE 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
ON EDUCATION

Presidential Tribute Will Call 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
TO BE POSTED

SYMPOSIUMS

RNC YOUTH OUTREACH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
CONGRESSIONAL ROOM

"ALLIANCE OF HISPANIC NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS" ROUNDTABLE 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
PALLADIAN ROOM

- Education
 - Dropout Rate
 - Illiteracy
- Hispanic Employment Opportunities

"HISPANIC 2000" ROUNDTABLE 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
PALLADIAN ROOM

- Hispanics and Federal Procurement
 - U.S. Department of Defense Minority 5% Program
 - Small Business Administration New 8(a.) Regulation

HOSTED BUFFET LUNCHEON 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
VERANDA ROOM

FOREIGN POLICY ROUNDTABLE 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
PALLADIAN ROOM

- Human Rights
- Democratization in Latin America

(Limited seating, RSVP required for all symposiums)

GENERAL RECEPTION 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
BLUE ROOM

VIP RECEPTION (By Invitation Only) 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
DIPLOMAT ROOM

PRESIDENTIAL TRIBUTE BANQUET 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
DANCE 9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.
REGENCY BALLROOM

'89 National Hispanic Heritage Presidential Tribute

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Chairman, Senate Republican Task Force
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ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

Congresswoman

First Cuban American elected to Congress

Cuban American role model recipient

"Leadership and Public Service"

COLUMBA GARNICA BUSH

Special Role model award recipient

"Leadership in Presidential Campaign"

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Lisa Lisa and the Cult Jam lead singer

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REMARKS: REPUBLICAN NATIONAL HISPANIC
ASSEMBLY DINNER
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WASHINGTON, D.C.
SEPTEMBER 12, 1989
7:30 PM

THANK YOU, CATHI [VILLALPANDO, NOMINEE FOR U.S.
TREASURER]. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING YOU
OFFICIALLY ON THE TEAM. I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A
GREAT U.S. TREASURER.

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I AM PLEASED TO BE JOINED TONIGHT BY MY CHIEF OF
STAFF JOHN SUNUNU, AND I WANT ESPECIALLY TO ACKNOWLEDGE
YOUR GUEST OF HONOR, SENATOR ORRIN HATCH -- CHAIRMAN OF
THE REPUBLICAN SENATE TASK FORCE ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS --
FOR ALL OF HIS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE HISPANIC
COMMUNITY.

LIKE ME, I KNOW MANY OF YOU HAD A CHANCE TO GET
AWAY ON VACATION THIS SUMMER.

BEFORE I GO ANY FURTHER, I WANT TO PUT AN END TO A RUMOR THAT'S MAKING THE ROUNDS SINCE I WAS UP IN MAINE ABOUT A COVERT, AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION OFF THE COAST OF THE AMERICAN NORTHEAST. THERE'S SIMPLY NO TRUTH TO THE TALK THAT THE BLUEFISH I FINALLY CAUGHT WAS HOOKED ON MY LINE BY A NAVY FROGMAN.

I SEE TONIGHT'S MASTER OF CEREMONIES IS THE ANDRES SEGOVIA OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, LEE ATWATER.

[[PAUSE]]

ACTUALLY, THE TUNES LEE LIKES TO PLAY AREN'T ALWAYS MUSIC TO EVERYONE'S EARS. I HEAR LEE ASKED ORRIN HATCH: "IF I BRING MY GUITAR TONIGHT, WOULD YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS?" ORRIN SAID: "JUST ONE -- DON'T PLAY IT." [[PAUSE]]

LET ME SAY I'M DEEPLY HONORED TO MEET WITH ALL OF YOU TONIGHT. I KNEW 15 YEARS AGO -- BACK WHEN I WAS CHAIRING THE RNC -- THAT THE TIME HAD COME FOR A HISPANIC ASSEMBLY.

OVER THE YEARS, I'VE WATCHED WITH ADMIRATION ALL THE ENERGY YOU'VE DEVOTED TO ADVANCING THE REPUBLICAN CAUSE. IT'S A SOURCE OF GREAT PRIDE TO BE ABLE TO SAY, "I WAS THERE AT THE BEGINNING."

AND YOU'VE MADE THE 1980S A TIME OF GREAT PRIDE FOR HISPANIC AMERICANS. I'M HONORED TO ENJOY THE ADVICE AND COUNSEL OF TWO ABLE CABINET OFFICERS OF HISPANIC DESCENT: MANUEL LUJAN AND LAURO CAVAZOS.

AND JUST ONE WEEK AGO, WE WELCOMED ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN TO WASHINGTON -- THE FIRST CUBAN-AMERICAN TO SERVE IN CONGRESS, AND THE TWELFTH AMERICAN OF HISPANIC HERITAGE IN THE 101ST CONGRESS. ILEANA IS HERE TONIGHT -- AND I CAN TELL YOU AFTER JUST ONE WEEK, SHE'S GOING TO BE A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH ON CAPITOL HILL.

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**ILEANA'S ELECTION IS JUST ONE MORE SIGN THAT
HISPANIC AMERICANS HAVE MADE IT INTO THE MAINSTREAM --
AND THAT MORE AND MORE HISPANIC AMERICANS ARE CHOOSING
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. FOR EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM
TONIGHT, THAT'S THE ULTIMATE VICTORY WE'RE FIGHTING
FOR.**

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**I THANK YOU -- AND I WANT TO THANK TONIGHT'S MASTER OF
CEREMONIES, LEE ATWATER, WHO IS DEDICATED TO MAKING THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY THE PARTY OF OUTREACH AND INCLUSION:
A MAJORITY PARTY BUILT ON MAINSTREAM VALUES.**

**I WANT ALL HISPANIC AMERICANS TO KNOW YOU HAVE A
HOME IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. AND TONIGHT, I WANT TO
ANNOUNCE TWO MORE TALENTED INDIVIDUALS I'VE ASKED TO
JOIN MY ADMINISTRATION.**

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I WILL NOMINATE VELMA MONTOYA TO SERVE ON THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION REVIEW COMMISSION, AND ADIS [AH-DIS] MARIA VILA [VEE-LA] AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

LAST WEEK, I SPOKE TO THE HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DOWN IN NEW ORLEANS ABOUT THE EXTRAORDINARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HISPANIC ENTREPRENEURS.

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THE ENTHUSIASM WAS ELECTRIC -- AND THE CONTRIBUTION THESE BUSINESSMEN AND -WOMEN ARE MAKING TO THE AMERICAN ECONOMY CAN'T BE MEASURED IN TERMS OF GNP ALONE. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE ROLE MODELS TO THE NEXT GENERATION OF HISPANIC AMERICANS -- TANGIBLE PROOF THAT EVERY DOOR IS OPEN, AND SUCCESS IS WITHIN THEIR REACH.

AND THE SUCCESSES WE SEE REALLY COME AS NO SURPRISE.

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THE VALUES THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY HOLDS DEAR ARE THE VERY FOUNDING VALUES OF THIS NATION -- AND OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY: FAITH AND FAMILY, HARD WORK AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT FOR OTHERS. AND ABOVE ALL, AN ABIDING LOVE OF FREEDOM. THOSE ARE ALL THE INGREDIENTS ANYONE EVER NEEDS TO SUCCEED -- ANYWHERE FROM THE STREETS OF SAN ANTONIO OR MIAMI TO THE HALLS OF CONGRESS OR AT THE PRESIDENT'S TABLE AS AN OFFICER OF THE CABINET.

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OUR NATION -- AND OUR PARTY -- NEED YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. TONIGHT IS A NIGHT TO TAKE PRIDE IN ALL YOU'VE DONE -- AND TAKE HOME WITH YOU A COMMITMENT TO WRITE THE NEXT CHAPTER IN THE SUCCESS STORY OF HISPANIC AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENT.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU. GOD BLESS YOU, AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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