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REMARKS: REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL INNER CIRCLE GALA
UNION STATION, WASHINGTON, D.C.
OCTOBER 2, 1989
9:00 PM

THANK YOU, DON [SEN. NICKLES] -- AND THANK YOU FOR
THE FINE WORK YOU'RE DOING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE INNER
CIRCLE. AND LET ME SAY HELLO TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE
SENATE WHO HAVE TURNED OUT TONIGHT. TO MARY HART. AND
TO ANOTHER FINE ENTERTAINER -- LEE ATWATER.

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BARBARA AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO BE HERE -- DELIGHTED
TO SEE SO MANY FRIENDLY FACES.

AND I'M DELIGHTED TO BE IN WASHINGTON. IN THE PAST
TEN DAYS I'VE BEEN TO NEW JERSEY, MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS,
NEW YORK, VIRGINIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND MARYLAND.

I TOLD JOHN SUNUNU I'D DONE ENOUGH TRAVELLING FOR AWHILE -- AND HE PROMISED HE'D KEEP ME OFF AIR FORCE ONE. THAT'S WHY I GOT A LITTLE BIT SUSPICIOUS WHEN HE TOLD ME TONIGHT I'D BE GOING TO UNION STATION....

[PAUSE]

I'VE KNOWN MANY OF YOU ACTIVE IN THE INNER CIRCLE FOR YEARS, AND I'VE ALWAYS VALUED YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT.

I AM PLEASED TO SHARE THIS EVENING WITH YOU AND SO MANY SPECIAL GUESTS. [[I HEARD I MISSED A GREAT ROUTINE BY FRED TRAVALENA -- BUT BARBARA TELLS ME IT'S NOTHING I HAVEN'T SEEN BEFORE.]]

TONIGHT IS THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INNER CIRCLE. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE MADE THESE PAST TEN YEARS TEN OF THE VERY BEST YEARS EVER FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

BUT IT'S THE NEXT TEN YEARS I WANT TO TALK ABOUT TONIGHT -- AND HOW WE CAN MAKE THE 1990S THE DECADE THE GRAND OLD PARTY BECOMES THE MAJORITY PARTY IN AMERICA.

I KNOW THERE ARE PLENTY OF BASEBALL FANS HERE.
[[MUST BE A FEW OLD SENATORS FANS IN THIS CROWD....]]
THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN THE TEAMS AT THE TOP ARE WATCHING THAT MAGIC NUMBER THAT WILL BRING THEM THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

WELL, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS A MAGIC NUMBER OF ITS OWN, AND THAT NUMBER IS 5: 5 SEATS STAND BETWEEN US AND A SENATE MAJORITY. AND WE'VE GOT A LUCKY NUMBER, TOO: 13 -- 13 MONTHS UNTIL THE 1990 ELECTIONS.

THAT'S WHY WE'VE GOT TO MAKE TODAY THE FIRST DAY OF THE REPUBLICAN "STRETCH DRIVE" FOR THE SENATE. AND MAKE NO MISTAKE: WE CAN PUT THE SENATE BACK IN REPUBLICAN HANDS.

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AND I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH IT MEANS DOWN ON MY END OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE TO HAVE A MAJORITY ON THE HILL. PRESIDENT REAGAN AND I HAD A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN THE SENATE FROM 1980 TO 1986. IN THOSE SIX YEARS, STEADY SENATE SUPPORT HELPED US LAUNCH THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY -- 82 MONTHS AND STILL GOING STRONG.

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IT HELPED US RESTORE AMERICA TO A POSITION OF STRENGTH AND RESPECT IN THE WORLD -- AND IT HELPED US PUT THE VALUES OF FAITH, FAMILY, HONEST WORK AND OPEN OPPORTUNITY BACK WHERE THEY BELONG: AT THE CENTER OF ALL AMERICA STANDS FOR.

AND A REPUBLICAN SENATE IS WITHIN REACH. EVEN A SMALL SHIFT CAN PUT US BACK ON TOP.

IN 1986, 35,000 MORE REPUBLICAN VOTES IN THE 6 TIGHTEST SENATE RACES WOULD HAVE GIVEN US A 51-49 MAJORITY. THINK ABOUT THAT: THAT'S A FRACTION OF 1 PERCENT OF ALL VOTES CAST.

WE'RE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE HERE TONIGHT TWO OF THE TALENTED CANDIDATES WHO CAN HELP US TAKE BACK THE SENATE: CLAUDINE SCHNEIDER AND BILL CABANISS. ALONG WITH LYNN MARTIN, TOM TAUKE AND HANK BROWN -- THAT MAKES 5 GREAT REASONS WE'RE LOOKING TO 1990 TO BE THE BEGINNING OF THE GOP DECADE.

I HOPE YOU'RE OPTIMISTIC -- BECAUSE I AM. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS BUILDING AN AGENDA FOR THE 1990S -- AN AGENDA FOR A NEW AMERICAN CENTURY.

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WHATEVER THE ISSUES -- ECONOMIC GROWTH. THE WAR ON DRUGS. THE ENVIRONMENT. EDUCATION. AMERICA'S PLACE IN A CHANGING WORLD: WE'RE THE PARTY WITH IDEAS. WE'RE THE PARTY WITH EXPERIENCE. WE'RE THE PARTY WITH SOLUTIONS.

WE OCCUPY THE HIGH GROUND. WE STAND FOR THE SOLID VALUES OF MAINSTREAM AMERICA. IT'S TIME THE REPUBLICAN PARTY BECAME THE MAJORITY PARTY -- THE PARTY AMERICA PUTS ITS FAITH IN.

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THAT'S OUR GOAL FOR THE 1990s. AND WITH THE INNER CIRCLE'S HELP, WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THE SENATE OUR FIRST STEP. [[AND I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER SETTING THAN THIS, TO POINT OUT THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK, AND WITH YOUR HELP, WE'LL LEAVE OUR OPPONENTS AT THE STATION.]] [PAUSE]

IT'S BEEN MY PLEASURE TO JOIN YOU TONIGHT. GOD BLESS YOU, AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 29, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*

FROM: DANIEL MCGROARTY *DMcG*

SUBJECT: REMARKS AT REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL INNER CIRCLE GALA

I. SUMMARY

On Monday, October 2, at 9:00 p.m., you will make brief remarks at the Republican Senatorial Inner Circle Gala, at Union Station. Approximately 2500 Inner Circle members will attend this 10th anniversary celebration, which is closed to the press. Approximately two dozen U.S. Senators will be in attendance. Among the entertainers who will precede you is Fred Travalena, who will be doing his impersonation of you.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks focus on the central role of the Inner Circle in the Republican successes of the 1980s, and enlist its membership in the effort to take back the Senate in 1990. Senate Candidates Bill Cabaniss (Ala.), Claudine Schneider (R.I.), Tom Tauke (Ia.), Lynn Martin (Il.) and Hank Brown (Col.) -- the five uncontested candidates -- are mentioned in the text. St. Senator Cabaniss and Cong. Schneider will be in attendance.

McGroarty/Dooley
September 29, 1989
3:30 pm
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL INNER CIRCLE GALA
UNION STATION, WASHINGTON, D.C.
OCTOBER 2, 1989
9:00 PM

Thank you, Don [Sen. Nickles] -- and thank you for the fine work you're doing as Chairman of the Inner Circle. And let me say hello to all the members of the Senate who have turned out tonight. To Mary Hart. And to another fine entertainer -- Lee Atwater.

Barbara and I are delighted to be here -- delighted to see so many friendly faces.

And I'm delighted to be in Washington. In the past ten days I've been to New Jersey, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Virginia, South Carolina, and Maryland. I told John Sununu I'd done enough travelling for awhile -- and he promised he'd keep me off Air Force One. That's why I got a little bit suspicious when he told me tonight I'd be going to Union Station.... [Pause]

I've known many of you active in the Inner Circle for years, and I've always valued your friendship and support. Barbara and I remember having some of you over to Observatory Hill just a few months before the '84 elections. We agreed back then that we'd like to get together more often -- but we'd have to get a bigger house. [[Pause]] Well, we got that bigger house -- but the Inner Circle's gotten bigger, too.

I am pleased to share this evening with you and so many special guests. [[I heard I missed a great routine by Fred Travalena -- but Barbara tells me it's nothing I haven't seen before.]]

[[You know, Fred, the other day I ran into Bob Dole. He told me: "I know George Bush. George Bush is a friend of mine. **But George, let me tell you -- you're no Fred Travalena.**"]]]

[[Fred, I just want you to know we've got something else in common: you've been on Johnny Carson -- and Johnny Carson's been all over me....]]

Tonight is the 10th anniversary of the Inner Circle. I want to congratulate all of you who have made these past ten years **ten of the very best years ever** for the Republican Party.

But it's the **next ten years** I want to talk about tonight -- and how we can make the 1990s the decade the Grand Old Party becomes the **majority party** in America.

I know there are plenty of baseball fans here. [[Must be a few old **Senators** fans in this crowd....]] This is the time of year when the teams at the top are watching that magic number that will bring them the championship. Well, the Republican Party has a magic number of its own, and that number is 5: 5 seats stand between us and a Senate majority. And we've got a lucky number, too: 13 -- 13 months until the 1990 elections.

That's why we've got to make today the first day of the Republican "stretch drive" for the Senate. And make no mistake: **we can put the Senate back in Republican hands.**

And I don't need to tell you how much it means down on my end of Pennsylvania Avenue to have a majority on the Hill. President Reagan and I had a Republican majority in the Senate from 1980 to 1986. In those six years, steady Senate support helped us launch the economic recovery -- 82 months and still going strong. It helped us restore America to a position of strength and respect in the world -- and it helped us put the values of faith, family, honest work and open opportunity back where they belong: at the center of all America stands for.

And a Republican Senate is within reach. Even a small shift can put us back on top. In 1986, 35,000 more Republican votes in the 6 tightest Senate races would have given us a 51-49 majority. Think about that: That's a fraction of 1 percent of all votes cast.

We're privileged to have here tonight two of the talented candidates who can help us take back the Senate: Claudine Schneider and Bill Cabaniss. Along with Lynn Martin, Tom Tauke and Hank Brown -- that makes 5 great reasons we're looking to 1990 to be the beginning of the GOP decade.

I hope you're optimistic -- because I am. The Republican Party is building an agenda for the 1990s -- an agenda for a new American Century. Whatever the issues -- economic growth. The war on drugs. The environment. Education. America's place in a changing world: **We're the party with ideas. We're the party with experience. We're the party with solutions.**

We occupy the high ground. We stand for the solid values of mainstream America. It's time the Republican Party became the majority party -- the party America puts its faith in.

That's our goal for the 1990s. And with the Inner Circle's help, we're going to make the Senate our first step. [[And I can't think of a better setting than this, to point out that the Republican Party is on the right track, and with your help, we'll leave our opponents at the station.]] [Pause]

It's been my pleasure to join you tonight. God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

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Suggested Talking Points
for
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1:45 pm
pre-advance

REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL INNER CIRCLE'S
10TH ANNIVERSARY PRESIDENTIAL GALA BALL
October 2, 1989
Union Station
Washington, D.C.

Royal Roth
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- * Thank you so much for inviting Barbara and me to the Republican Senatorial Inner Circle's 10th Anniversary celebration tonight at Washington's Union Station. We are delighted to be here.
- * Senator Nickles, thank you for that introduction and for the superb job you are doing as Chairman of the Republican Senatorial Inner Circle.
- * I see a lot of friends and many new faces here tonight. It wasn't long ago that Barbara and I invited the Inner Circle to our home at the Vice President's residence on Observatory Hill. What a long way we've come since then. And I just want to tell you it's been great having your friendship and support over the years.
- * I'd like to take a moment to recognize the XXX Inner Circle members here tonight who joined the Inner Circle in 1979 and 1980. To you Charter Inner Circle members, I salute you and your decade of service to our Party! You have truly been a leader in all the Inner Circle has accomplished at the ballot box and on the Senate Floor. *about 50*
- * I know each of you share a very special commitment to our Party and to our country. I want to thank you for lending your unwavering support to the Inner Circle's effort of obtaining a Republican Senate Majority in 1990.
- * As you know, President Reagan and I had a Republican Majority in the United States Senate between 1981 and 1985. With a strong Senate Majority, we were able to launch our economic recovery, restore pride and strength to our nation's military and regain the moral fabric of our traditional values.
- * And with a Republican Senate Majority in 1990, there's no telling what we can accomplish. We can win the war on drugs, eliminate the deficit, clean up our environment and rebuild our educational system.
- * Many of our Senate Republican incumbents are on stage with me and I know they join me in thanking you for your tremendous generosity and support of our Party. Believe me, we couldn't have accomplished so much without you.

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REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL INNER CIRCLE'S
10TH ANNIVERSARY PRESIDENTIAL GALA BALL
October 2, 1989, Union Station, Washington, D.C.

45-55

- * This election cycle, five seats stand between us and a Republican Majority in the Senate. And because of the great job Don Nickles has done in recruiting strong and winnable challenger candidates, here in the audience tonight, such as:

- ~~Congressman Lynn Martin from Illinois;~~
- ~~Congressman Tom Tauke from Iowa;~~ maybe
- ~~Congresswoman Claudine Schneider from Rhode Island;~~
- ~~Congressman Bill Schuette from Michigan;~~
- ✓ State Senator William Cabaniss from Alabama;
- ~~Congressman Hank Brown from Colorado;~~
- ~~Congressman Bob Smith from New Hampshire;~~

Cong. Bill Schuette (Mich.)

we have a better opportunity than ever before to win back that Senate Majority in 1990.

- * I want you to know that I plan to be out there actively working with you for our candidates because electing a supportive and Republican-controlled Congress in 1990 is so important for America to ensure that the progress we've made together in the 1980s will be carried into the 1990s.
- * And all I can say is that I hope you will join me and give them your complete and individual support over the next 13 months.
- * Thank you all -- each and every one of you -- for your unbelievable contribution towards our mutual goals. Good night.

To be added to the President's remarks:

- * General discussion on current events.
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NRSC

Union Station

reception - \$10,000 donors

gala - \$1,000

~ 3000 people

Fred Tranelino

Sen Nickles - Chair of
NRSC

10th Anniv?

Rep/ Senate

RI,

89 - Claudine Schneider

Lynn Martin 14

Mark Brown CO

Tom Tauke IA

WA Staff: Bates
Card
McClure

Mary Hart
Atwater
~~Cherry~~
Cicconi
Wray
Hollingsworth
Kaufman
Petersmeyer

Warner
Thurmond
Symms
Stevens
Puckwood
Murkowski
Kasten
Jeffords - VT
Humphrey - NH
Graham
Grassley
Gorton
Durenberger
Domenici
Cochran - MS
Coates
Burns - MT
Boschwitz

REPUBLICAN INNER CIRCLE GALA
Monday, October 2, ,1989

SCENARIO

Friday, September 29

Signage alerting Union Station patrons and tenants of early closing 10/2/89 to be posted by LaSalle.

3 American flags to be hung in front colonnade.

Monday, October 2

2:00 - 7:00 am

LaSalle security to be posted in Main Hall during set-up at 2:00am.

Lane A closed to public and taxis directed to West end.

Signage in place re-directing traffic.

Tents to be erected in East end.

Sanitation trailers to be placed in east end.

Drape and swags to be hung in West end.

Banners, Presidential stage and Band stage to be erected.

2:00 pm

Main Hall and East Hall to be closed to the public.

Signage to be placed.

Ridgewell's to deliver.

3:00 pm

West Hall closes.

5:00 pm

Security sweep.

Construction to be completed.

7:00 pm

Elephant arrives Columbus circle. NRSC to handle clean-up and necessary permits.

Security to be positioned at Elite Sanitation and at tents.

Huntemann emergency vehicles to be positioned at Parking lot near Adirondacks.

7:30 pm

Guests to arrive by limousine and bus.
Limousine to drop off passengers in Lane A.
Busses to unload passengers in Lane B.
Public traffic in Lane C.
VIP guests enter EH through Amtrak entrance. VIP guests will
exit with other guests through MH.

Buffet to open
Band to begin playing

8:30 pm

Presidential motorcade arrives East end of building.
President and Mrs. Bush enter Union Station through mailroom
entrance and take elevator to Columbus Club.

9:00 pm

President announced.
President and Mrs. Bush enter Main Hall on stage.
President addresses guests.

Senator Nickles announced and introduces Senators attending
event.

Fred Travalina entertains.

Senator Nickles presents gift to President Bush.
Robbi Britt and Marine Band on kiosk "America the Beautiful"

9:45 pm

President departs Union Station.

10:00

East Hall reopens, set and dessert buffet

12:00-1:30 am

Guests depart.

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Sen Nickles intro
Pres
Sen Nickles presents gift
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Fred Tranelina / Mary Hart / Robby Brit before

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dressed as Pres.

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