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PRESIDENT'S DINNER
SHOREHAM HOTEL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1990
7:25 P. M.

MIKE (HARPER), THANK YOU FOR THAT INTRODUCTION -- AND THE WONDERFUL JOB YOU'VE DONE AS DINNER CHAIRMAN FOR TONIGHT'S DINNER. CONGRATULATIONS ON TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY. // IT'S ALSO GREAT TO HAVE WITH US THE NEXT MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON , MAURICE TURNER. // LARRY (BATHGATE) -- I SALUTE YOU, TOO, FOR ALL YOU'RE DOING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. // LET ME SAY HELLO TO CHARLIE BLACK. AND A PERSONAL FRIEND OF TWENTY YEARS, THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB -- WALLY GANZI, AND HIS LOVELY WIFE REVA. KATIE BOYD. TO CRYSTAL GALE, LORETTA LYNN, AND PEGGY SUE WRIGHT -- WHO LOVED COUNTRY BEFORE IT WAS COOL, IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO SEE YOU. // IT'S EXCITING TO HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY WITH US. OUR SON, JEB, HIS WIFE, COLUMBA, AND OUR NEPHEW, JIM PIERCE. ABOVE ALL, MY THANKS TO EACH OF YOU HERE TONIGHT FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE. // AND FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS FALL IN OUR CRITICAL RACES -- IN THE SENATE, THE HOUSE, AND THE STATE HOUSES. IT'S COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION LIKE YOURS THAT WILL MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE IN SO MANY KEY RACES.

ON BARBARA'S BEHALF, THANK YOU FOR THAT GENEROUS RECEPTION. SHE MADE ME PROMISE NOT TO BE TOO WINDY. ((AFTER ALL, SHE DOESN'T WANT ME TO UPSTAGE THAT BEST-SELLING AUTHOR -- THE TRULY CHARISMATIC SPEAKER IN THE BUSH FAMILY. YOU'VE HEARD THE TERM, "MVP." WELL, MILLIE'S OUR MVP. MOST VALUABLE POOCH.)) //

((DOGS, OF COURSE, ARE AS ALL-AMERICAN AS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. AS IS OUR CONCERN WITH THE DOWNTRODDEN, THE IMPOVERISHED, THE DESTITUTE, THE HOPELESS. // BUT ENOUGH ABOUT THE BOSTON RED SOX. // I'M SURE THE SOX COULD RELATE TO A TALK I HAD BEFORE COMING HERE WITH ONE OF MY GRANDKIDS. HE'D HAD A ROUGH TIME THIS YEAR IN LITTLE LEAGUE -- SO I TRIED TO GIVE HIM A PEP TALK.)) //

((I SAID, "THERE ARE TIMES IN LIFE WHEN WE TRY OUR HARDEST, BUT IF WE LOSE WE HAVE TO MOVE ON AND BE DETERMINED TO DO OUR BEST EVERY TIME WE COMPETE." // MY GRANDSON PAUSED AND SAID: "THAT'S OK, GAMPY. I'M SURE YOU'LL CATCH A FISH NEXT YEAR."))

TONIGHT I WANT TO SALUTE A MAN WHO HAS ENRICHED
OUR PARTY FOR COUNTLESS YEARS. HE'S A FIGHTER // A
WINNER // ABOVE ALL, HE'S OUR FRIEND AND INSPIRATION.
LEE ATWATER. // LEE HAS BEEN FORCED TO KEEP A LOW
PROFILE. BUT HE, HIMSELF, IS A PROFILE IN COURAGE. I
JOIN EVERY REPUBLICAN IN EXTENDING PRAYERS TO LEE, HIS
WIFE SALLY, AND HIS THREE DAUGHTERS, SARAH, ASHLEY, AND
SALLY T. HERE'S TO THE GRAND YOUNG MAN OF THE GRAND OLD
PARTY. //

LIKE YOU, LEE ATWATER KNOWS WHAT THIS ELECTION IS
ALL ABOUT. IT'S ABOUT VALUES AND PRIORITIES. IT'S
ABOUT KEEPING AMERICA STRONG. IT'S ABOUT ONE
PHILOSOPHY -- OURS -- THAT WANTS TO MOVE AHEAD --
WORKING, CREATING, DREAMING. AND ANOTHER PHILOSOPHY
-- THE DEMOCRATS' PHILOSOPHY -- THAT IS AS TIMEWORN AS
IT IS TIRED.

THE DEMOCRATS' PHILOSOPHY BURDENS PEOPLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF GOVERNMENT. OUR PHILOSOPHY COULD NOT BE MORE DIFFERENT. IT USES GOVERNMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF EASING BURDENS ON PEOPLE. // DEMOCRATS BELIEVE IN STATUS-QUO. REPUBLICANS BELIEVE IN STATUS-GROW. DEMOCRATS EMBRACE "MORE OF THE SAME." REPUBLICANS EMBRACE THE LETTERS "GOP": GROWTH, OPPORTUNITY, AND PROSPERITY. //

FOR PROOF, LET'S LOOK FIRST AT THE BUDGET. WHY NOT? THAT'S ALL CONGRESS HAS BEEN DOING FOR NEARLY A YEAR. // SOME SAY THERE'S NOT A DOLLAR'S WORTH OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR TWO PARTIES. THEY'RE RIGHT. // THERE'S HALF-A-TRILLION DOLLARS' WORTH. // THAT'S WHAT OUR PLAN -- THE REPUBLICAN PLAN -- WOULD HAVE SLASHED FROM THE FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICIT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. //

ALL OF YOU KNOW THE HISTORY OF THESE BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS. IT'S A VERY SAD HISTORY. NEARLY EIGHT MONTHS AGO, I PROPOSED A BUDGET FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR. THAT DIDN'T WAKE UP THE CONGRESS. SO THREE MONTHS AGO, I SAID THAT TO CUT THE DEFICIT, EVERYTHING WOULD BE CONSIDERED "ON THE TABLE." THAT DIDN'T WAKE UP THE CONGRESS. // AS A RESULT, SIX DAYS FROM NOW WE FACE THE PROSPECT OF DRASTIC SPENDING CUTS THAT WILL SCAR AMERICA. YET STILL CONGRESS REFUSES TO MAKE REAL SPENDING CUTS -- ENFORCEABLE CUTS -- AND REAL BUDGET PROCESS REFORM. IN SHORT, TO PUT OUR FISCAL HOUSE IN ORDER. //

SEQUESTRATION ISN'T PARTISAN FICTION. IT'S REAL /
IT'S APPROACHING / AND ONCE HERE, IT WILL COST JOBS AND
HARM OUR ECONOMY. BUT IT IS ALSO AVOIDABLE. // YOU
KNOW HOW MUCH I WANT A REAL DEFICIT REDUCTION PACKAGE
-- AND THERE'S STILL TIME TO ACHIEVE IT. NOT BY DOING
AS THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE DID TODAY --
SUPPORTING A CONTINUING RESOLUTION TO DELAY THE BUDGET
DEADLINE FOR ANOTHER 3 WEEKS. BUT BY VOTING AS OUR
REPUBLICANS DID ON THAT COMMITTEE -- DEMANDING THAT WE
DEAL WITH THE STAGGERING FEDERAL DEFICIT NOW. // THESE
COURAGEOUS REPUBLICANS UNDERSTAND THAT WE CAN NO LONGER
POSTPONE THE BUDGET PROBLEM. SO I ASK CONGRESS TO
REJECT BUSINESS AS USUAL -- JUST AS I HAVE DONE.
[[REJECT THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION -- JUST AS I WILL
DO.]] // TOGETHER, LET'S SERVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
LET'S DO WHAT WE WERE ELECTED TO DO. NOT SOMETIME.
NOT SOMEPLACE. BUT HERE IN WASHINGTON. NOW. //

AS THE BUDGET PROVES, AMERICANS EXPECT THEIR LEADERS TO ACT QUICKLY -- AND INTELLIGENTLY. LET ME TELL A STORY WHICH SHOWS WHAT I MEAN. HAPPENED UP IN KENNEBUNKPORT. ((I TOLD JOHN SUNUNU I'D LIKE TO DELIVER A SPEECH CALLED, "KEEPING PACE WITH RAPIDLY-MOVING EVENTS." HE SAID, "DO YOU REALLY THINK AN AUDIENCE WANTS TO HEAR WHAT IT'S LIKE TO PLAY 18 HOLES WITH YOU?" // I SAID, "SURE, I LIKE TO DO THINGS QUICKLY // AND YOU CAN IGNORE THAT RUMOR THAT I WATCH 60 MINUTES IN THREE-QUARTERS OF AN HOUR.")) //

AMERICANS DO EXPECT ACTION. YET LET ME NOTE SEVERAL OTHER WAYS CONGRESS HAS WAVERED -- THWARTING GROWTH, OPPORTUNITY, AND PROSPERITY. //

IT'S BEEN SIXTEEN MONTHS, FOR INSTANCE, SINCE OUR ADMINISTRATION'S COMPREHENSIVE CRIME CONTROL PROPOSALS REACHED CAPITOL HILL. // SOME FEEL WE CAN SOFT-PEDAL THE NEED TO BE HARD ON CRIME. REPUBLICANS DISAGREE. WE KNOW THAT FOR ANYBODY WHO KILLS A POLICE OFFICER, NO LEGAL PENALTY IS TOO TOUGH. // SO OUR LEGISLATION PROPOSES A WORKABLE DEATH PENALTY -- A REAL DEATH PENALTY -- FOR THE KILLERS OF FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. AND WE URGE ALL GOVERNORS TO ENACT SIMILAR LEGISLATION FOR THE KILLERS OF LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS. // TODAY, THE HOUSE BEGAN DEBATE ON ITS VERSION OF THE CRIME BILL. I CALL ON CONGRESS TO GIVE COP-KILLERS THE KIND OF PUNISHMENT THEY DESERVE. //

HERE'S ANOTHER ISSUE WHERE THE CONGRESS HAS DELAYED. THE ENVIRONMENT. OVER A YEAR AGO (THIS IS BEGINNING TO SOUND FAMILIAR, WE PROPOSED A LANDMARK BILL TO REWRITE THE CLEAN AIR ACT. LEGISLATION WHICH SAYS WE CAN HAVE A SOUND ECONOMY AND A SAFE ENVIRONMENT. SOUND GOOD?, APPARENTLY NOT TO THE DEMOCRATS. // SIX MONTHS AGO, WE REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SENATE LEADERSHIP -- AND STILL NO FINAL ACTION. TO THE CONGRESS, I SAY: REPUBLICANS DON'T THINK WE HAVE TO THROW PEOPLE OUT OF WORK TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT. SEND ME A CLEAN AIR ACT I CAN SIGN. //

((AS YOU CAN SEE, CLEAR DIFFERENCES ABOUND BETWEEN OUR PARTIES. SORT OF LIKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW "AIR FORCE ONE." // THE NEW PLANE IS INCREDIBLE. BUT, I WANT TO TAKE THIS CHANCE TO DENY THE RUMOR THAT I HELD BUDGET MEETINGS LAST WEEK IN THE FORWARD HORSESHOE PITS.)) //

THIS FALL, REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS WILL DISCUSS OUR DIFFERENCES. FAIRLY, AND HONORABLY, AS ALL AMERICANS SHOULD. YET, AS WE DEBATE, LET'S REMEMBER ONE ISSUE CONFRONTING US THAT UNITES US AS A PEOPLE. I REFER TO THE PERSIAN GULF. //

TWO WEEKS AGO, I WENT BEFORE THE CONGRESS TO TALK ABOUT WHAT WE MUST DO TOGETHER TO DEFEND CIVILIZED VALUES AROUND THE WORLD. I SPOKE OF HOW OUR OBJECTIVES IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARE CLEAR: IRAQ MUST WITHDRAW FROM KUWAIT, COMPLETELY, IMMEDIATELY, AND WITHOUT CONDITION. KUWAIT'S LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT MUST BE RESTORED. THE SECURITY AND STABILITY OF THE PERSIAN GULF MUST BE ASSURED. AND AMERICAN CITIZENS AND OTHERS MUST BE PROTECTED. //

TONIGHT, I SAY: THOSE GOALS ARE UNCHANGED. WE WILL STAY IN THE PERSIAN GULF NOT A MOMENT MORE, NOR LESS, THAN NECESSARY. WE WILL STAY JUST AS LONG AS IT TAKES TO COMPLETE OUR MISSION. //

TO FINISH THE JOB WILL REQUIRE THE SUPPORT OF OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES. WE HAVE IT. THINK OF THE UNPRECEDENTED UNITED NATIONS' UNITY. AND THE AID -- ECONOMIC OR MILITARY -- FROM SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, TURKEY; FROM GERMANY, JAPAN, FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND MANY OTHERS. THINK OF OUR ARAB ALLIES WHO ARE SACRIFICING SO MUCH -- ABOVE ALL, EGYPT. THIS ISN'T THE U.S. AGAINST IRAQ. IT'S IRAQ AGAINST THE WORLD. WE'RE NOT GOING IT ALONE -- AND BELIEVE ME, WE ARE GOING TO SEE IT THROUGH. //

WE WILL CONTINUE TO STAND UP TO AGGRESSION -- AND FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT NO NATION SHOULD MUG ANOTHER -- AND GET AWAY WITH IT. // INCIDENTALLY, IF SADDAM HUSSEIN HAD ANY DOUBTS ABOUT OUR STAYING POWER, THE LAST FEW WEEKS SHOULD DISPEL THEM. GO TO ANY CITY OR TOWN. ASK ANYONE YOU MEET. WHERE DOES AMERICA STAND? THEIR REFRAIN CAN BE HEARD FROM BANGOR TO BAGHDAD: AMERICA STANDS WHERE IT ALWAYS HAS -- AGAINST AGGRESSION. //

WE ALL REMEMBER A MAN WHO KNEW SOMETHING ABOUT
COUNTERING AGGRESSION. // HIS NAME WAS DWIGHT DAVID
EISENHOWER, AND THIS YEAR WE OBSERVE THE CENTENNIAL OF
HIS BIRTH. WHAT'S MORE, WE CELEBRATE IKE'S LESSONS
THAT ENDURE UNTIL TODAY. //

DWIGHT EISENHOWER SHOWED HOW, AT HOME, PRIVATE
ENTERPRISE CAN UNLEASH GROWTH, OPPORTUNITY, AND
PROSPERITY. AND THAT ABROAD, AMERICA WILL NEVER --
EVER -- ALLOW A TYRANT TO BRUTALIZE THE FAMILY OF
NATIONS. // SOMETHING, I MIGHT ADD, THAT A CERTAIN
DICTATOR SHOULD RECALL AS HE GOES TO SLEEP EACH
NIGHT.//

TODAY, AMERICA HAS NEVER BEEN MORE WILLING OR ABLE
TO FOLLOW IKE'S LESSONS. TODAY, WE WILL DO WHAT IS
RIGHT FOR AMERICA -- AND FOR THE WORLD. // THANK YOU
FOR THIS OCCASION. LET'S HAVE A GRAND NOVEMBER 6. AND
GOD BLESS THE GREATEST NATION ON THE FACE OF THIS EARTH
-- THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB
PRESIDENTIAL GALA DINNER
SEPTEMBER 25, 1990

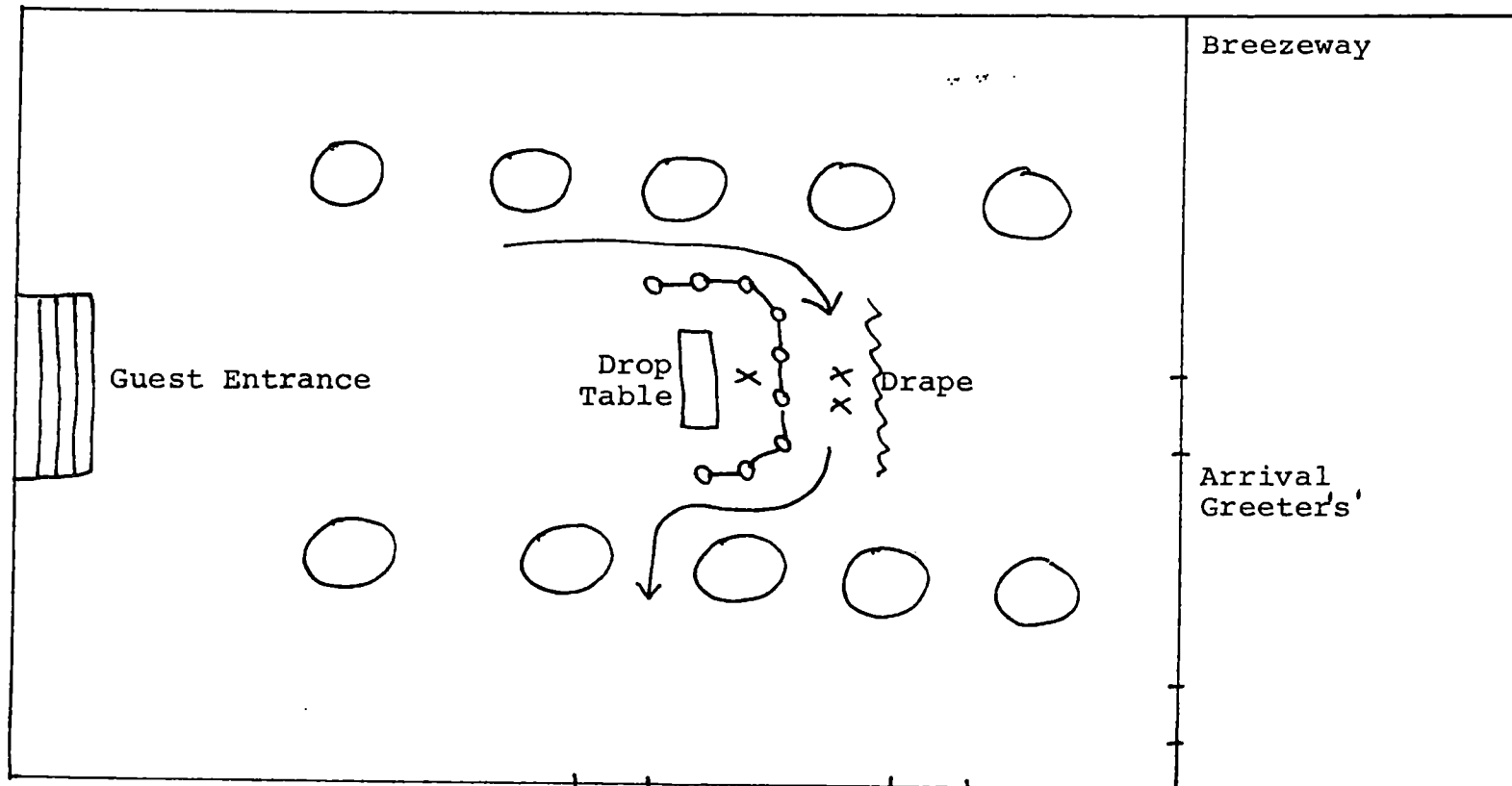
TENTATIVE TIMELINE

- 6:30 p.m. General Reception begins in Blue Room.
- 6:30 p.m. VIP Reception Mag opens and reception begins in the Ambassador Ballroom.
- 7:00 p.m. General Reception Guests begin to proceed to Dinner in Regency Ballroom.
- 7:05 p.m. Dinner Mags open.
- Regency Ballroom Doors open and dinner seating begins.
- 7:10 p.m. Presidential Greeting Party moves to arrival location.
Jeanie Austin, RNC Co-Chairman
Lawrence E. Bathgate, II, RNC Finance Chairman,
and guest Joan Budd
Walter J. Ganzi Jr., National Chairman, The President's
Club and wife Reva Hamilton Ganzi
Charles M. "Mike" Harper, Dinner Chairman
and wife Josie Harper
- 7:20 p.m. The President and Mrs. Bush arrive and are escorted to the Ambassador Ballroom for the VIP Reception and Photo Opportunity.
- All General Reception guests have departed from the Blue Room.
- 7:22 p.m. Photo Opportunity begins with The President and Mrs. Bush for VIP Reception guests.
- 7:22 p.m. -
7:37 p.m. VIP Reception guests are escorted to the Regency Ballroom for dinner seating after Photo Opportunity.
- 7:30 p.m. All General Reception guests are seated for dinner.
- 7:37 p.m. Photo Opportunity concludes and The President and Mrs. Bush are escorted to the off-stage holding room outside the Regency Ballroom.

- 7:40 p.m. Off stage announcement of Headtable Guests
- 7:41 p.m. Off stage announcement of President and Mrs. Bush
- 7:42 p.m. Lawrence E. Bathgate, II, Finance Chairman, Republican National Finance Committee, gives brief welcome and introduces Wally Ganzi.
- 7:44 p.m. Walter J. Ganzi Jr., National Chairman of The President's Club, gives brief welcome and introduces Crystal Gayle, Loretta Lynn and Peggy Sue.
- 7:46 p.m. Crystal Gayle, Loretta Lynn and Peggy Sue perform two songs.
- 7:54 p.m. Wally Ganzi thanks performers and introduces Charles "Mike" Harper, Dinner Chairman.
- 7:55 p.m. Mike Harper recognizes VIPs in attendance, gives Dinner financial report and introduces The President.
- 7:57 p.m. The President gives remarks.
- 8:04 p.m. The President concludes remarks.
- 8:05 p.m. Mike Harper thanks The President and Mrs. Bush.
The President and Mrs. Bush depart Regency Ballroom.
- 8:08 p.m. The Reverend William J. Byron, President of Catholic University gives dinner invocation.
- 8:10 p.m. Dinner service begins
- 9:00 p.m. Wally Ganzi gives closing remarks and invites guests to stay for after-dinner dancing.
- 9:00 p.m. -
10:00 p.m. Departure Transportation to the Ritz Carlton and Crystal Gateway Marriott hotels.
- 10:00 p.m. Evening concludes.

The President's Club
Presidential Gala Dinner
September 25, 1990

VIP Reception & Photo Opportunity
Ambassador Ballroom



Guests depart after Photo Opportunity
to Regency Ballroom

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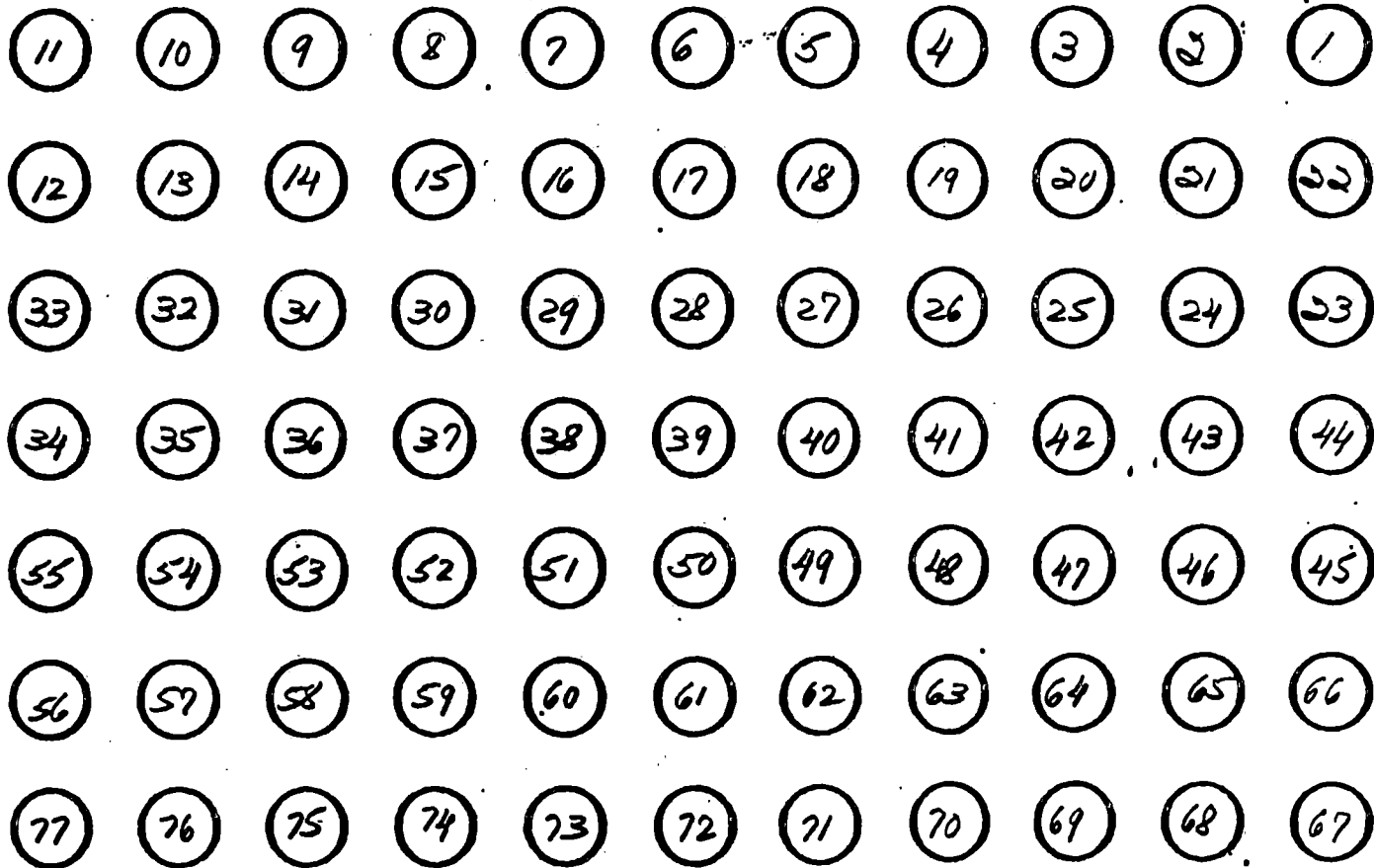
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SEAT APPROX 1300

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The President's Club
Presidential Gala Dinner
Omni Shoreham Hotel
September 25, 1990

Headtable Guests

Mrs. Harper (Josie)

William J. McManus

Reva Hamilton Ganzi

The President

Charles M. "Mike" Harper

Podium

Audience

Walter J. Ganzi Jr.

Mrs. Bush

Lawrence E. Bathgate, II

Jeanie Austin

Rev. William J. Byron

Joan Budd

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 24, 1990

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *(CW)*

FROM: CURT SMITH *(CS)*

SUBJECT: REMARKS AT PRESIDENT'S CLUB DINNER

I. SUMMARY

On Tuesday, September 25, 1990, at 7:57 P.M., you will address approximately 650 guests in the Regency Ballroom of the Omni Shoreham Hotel. Entering its tenth year, the RNC's President's Club includes members from around the country, each of whom has contributed at least \$1,000 to the Party. Among those attending this year's dinner will be dinner chairman Mike Harper, who will introduce you; Sen. Phil Gramm, Sen. Gordon Humphrey, General Scowcroft, Deputy Sec. Henson Moore, Tim Ryan, Larry Bathgate, Charlie Black, Wally Ganzi, Jeb and Columba Bush, Katie Boyd, and Jim Pierce.

II. DISCUSSION

The attached remarks (12 minutes, teleprompter) highlight the importance of a strong Republican showing in the upcoming mid-term elections. Within this framework, the remarks pay particular attention to the ongoing budget negotiations, the failure of the Congress to take necessary action with regard to the environment and crime, and the continued necessity of a sound defense.

Please note page two reference to the efforts of Lee Atwater. Mr. Atwater will be unable to attend the dinner.

(Smith/Garmey)
September 24, 1990
4 P.M.
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PRESIDENT'S DINNER
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1990

Mike (Harper), thank you for that introduction -- and the wonderful job you've done as Dinner Chairman for tonight's dinner. Congratulations on tomorrow's birthday. // ~~Senator~~ Gramm and Senator Humphrey. Larry (Bathgate) -- I salute you, too, for all you're doing as Chairman of the Finance Committee. // It's also great to have Charlie Black here. And a personal friend of twenty years, the National Chairman of the President's Club -- Wally Ganzi, and his lovely wife Reva. Katie Boyd. To Crystal Gale, Loretta Lynn, and Peggy Sue Wright -- who loved country before it was cool, it's always good to see you. // It's exciting to have several members of my family with us. Our son, Jeb, his wife, Columba, and our nephew, Jim Pierce. Above all, my thanks to each of you here tonight for your support of the Republican National Committee. // And for your support this fall in our critical races -- in the Senate, the House, and the State Houses. It's commitment and dedication like yours that will make such a difference in so many key races.

On Barbara's behalf, thank you for that generous reception. She made me promise not to be too windy. ((Maybe she's heard the report that our military has trained for those long hours of boredom in the Gulf by listening to tapes of my speeches.)) //

((I was listening to a country and western tape on the way here, and on came Randy Travis singing, "It's just a matter of

time." // What a relief to hear a song expressing confidence in my ultimate ability to catch a fish.)) //

((Actually, here's a scoop: I'm thinking of giving up fishing altogether. As somebody put it recently: The way my golf game's been going, I spend enough time around water just being out on the course.)) //

Seriously, I want to take a moment to salute a man who is in our thoughts this evening. He's a fighter // a winner // above all, he's our friend and inspiration, Lee Atwater. // Lee has been forced to keep a low profile. But he, himself, is a profile in courage. I join every Republican in extending prayers to Lee, his wife Sally, and his three daughters, Sarah, Ashley, and Sally T. // Here's to the grand young man of the Grand Old Party. //

Like you, Lee Atwater knows what this election is all about. It's about values and priorities. It's about keeping America strong. It's about one philosophy -- ours -- that wants to move ahead -- working, creating, dreaming. And another philosophy -- the Democrats' philosophy -- that is as timeworn as it is tired.

The Democrats' philosophy burdens people for the benefit of government. Our philosophy could not be more different. It uses government for the benefit of easing burdens on people. // Democrats believe in status-quo. Republicans believe in status-grow. Democrats embrace "More of the same." Republicans embrace the letters "GOP": Growth, opportunity, and prosperity. //

For proof, let's look first at the budget. Why not? That's all Congress has been doing for nearly a year. // Some say there's not a dollar's worth of difference between our two parties. They're right. // There's half-a-trillion dollars' worth. // That's what our plan -- the Republican plan -- would have slashed from the Federal budget deficit over the next five years. //

All of you know the history of these budget negotiations. It's a very sad history. Nearly eight months ago, I proposed a budget for the coming fiscal year. That didn't wake up the Congress. So three months ago, I said that to cut the deficit, everything would be considered "on the table." That didn't wake up the Congress. // As a result, five days from now we face the prospect of drastic spending cuts that will scar America. Yet still Congress refuses to make real spending cuts and real budget reform. In short, to put our fiscal house in order. //

Sequestration isn't partisan fiction. It's real / it's approaching / and once here, it will cost jobs and harm our economy. It is senseless. It is also needless. So I call on Congress to oppose further tax hikes. And support growth-oriented tax incentives -- from expanded IRA's to Family Savings Accounts to, yes, a cut in the capital gains tax. // Together, let's do what we were elected to do: serve the American people. Not sometime. Not someplace. But here in Washington. Now. //

As the budget proves, Americans expect their leaders to act quickly -- and intelligently. Let me tell a story which shows

what I mean. Happened up in Kennebunkport. ((I told John Sununu I'd like to deliver a speech called, "Keeping pace with rapidly-moving events." He said, "Do you really think an audience wants to hear what it's like to play 18 holes with you?" // I said, "Sure, I like to do things quickly // and you can ignore that rumor that I watch 60 Minutes in three-quarters of an hour.")) //

Americans do expect action. Yet let me note several other ways Congress has wavered -- thwarting growth, opportunity, and prosperity. //

It's been sixteen months, for instance, since our Administration's Comprehensive Crime Control proposals reached Capitol Hill. // Some feel we can soft-pedal the need to be hard on crime. Republicans disagree. We know that for anybody who kills a police officer, no legal penalty is too tough. // So our legislation proposes a workable death penalty -- a real death penalty -- for the killers of Federal law enforcement officers. And we urge all Governors to enact similar legislation for the killers of local police officers. // Soon, the House will begin debate on its version of the Crime Bill. I call on Congress to give cop-killers the kind of punishment they deserve.

Here's another issue where the Congress has delayed. The environment. Over a year ago (this is beginning to sound familiar), we proposed a landmark bill to rewrite the Clean Air Act. Legislation which says we can have a sound economy and a safe environment. Sound good? Apparently not to the Democrats. // Six months ago, we reached an agreement with the Senate

leadership -- and still no final action. To the Congress, I say: Republicans don't think we have to throw people out of work to protect our environment. Send me a Clean Air Act I can sign. //

((As you can see, clear differences abound between our parties. Sort of like the difference between the old and new "Air Force One." // The new plane is incredible. But, I want to take this chance to deny the rumor that I held budget meetings last week in the forward horseshoe pits.)) //

This fall, Republicans and Democrats will discuss our differences. Fairly, and honorably, as all Americans should. Yet, as we debate, let's remember one issue confronting us that unites us as a people. I refer to the Persian Gulf. //

Two weeks ago, I went before the Congress to talk about what we must do together to defend civilized values around the world. I spoke of how our objectives in the Middle East are clear: Iraq must withdraw from Kuwait, completely, immediately, and without condition. Kuwait's legitimate government must be restored. The security and stability of the Persian Gulf must be assured. And American citizens and others must be protected. //

Tonight, I say: Those goals are unchanged. We will stay in the Persian Gulf not a moment more, nor less, than necessary. We will stay just as long as it takes to complete our mission. //

To finish the job will require the support of our friends and allies. We have it. Think of the unprecedented United Nations' unity. And the aid -- economic or military -- from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey; from

Germany, Japan, France, the United Kingdom, and many others. Think of our Arab allies who are sacrificing so much -- above all, Egypt. This isn't the U.S. against Iraq. It's Iraq against the world. We're not going it alone -- and believe me, we are going to see it through. //

We will continue to stand up to aggression -- and for those who believe that no Nation should mug another -- and get away with it. // We will continue to put our armed forces where they are needed, when they are needed. // Incidentally, if Saddam Hussein had any doubts about our staying power, the last few weeks should dispel them. Go to any city or town. Ask anyone you meet. Where does America stand? Their refrain can be heard from Bangor to Baghdad: America stands where it always has -- against aggression. //

We all remember a man who knew something about countering aggression. // His name was Dwight David Eisenhower, and this year we observe the centennial of his birth. What's more, we celebrate Ike's lessons that endure until today. //

Dwight Eisenhower showed how, at home, private enterprise can unleash growth, opportunity, and prosperity. And that abroad, America will never -- ever -- allow a tyrant to brutalize the family of Nations. // Something, I might add, that a certain dictator should recall as he goes to sleep each night.//

Today, America has never been more willing or able to follow Ike's lessons. Today, we will do what is right for America -- and for the world. // Thank you for this occasion. Let's have

a grand November 6. And God bless the greatest Nation on the face of this earth -- the United States of America.

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SHOREHAM HOTEL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1990

Mike (Harper), thank you for that introduction -- and the wonderful job you've done as Dinner Chairman for tonight's dinner. Congratulations on tomorrow's birthday. // Senator Gramm and Senator Humphrey. Larry (Bathgate) -- I salute you, too, for all you're doing as Chairman of the Finance Committee. // It's also great to have Charlie Black here. And a personal friend of twenty years, the National Chairman of the President's Club -- Wally Ganzi, and his lovely wife Reva. Katie Boyd. To Crystal Gale, Loretta Lynn, and Peggy Sue Wright -- who loved country before it was cool, it's always good to see you. // It's exciting to have several members of my family with us. Our son, Jeb, his wife, Columba, and our nephew, Jim Pierce. Above all, my thanks to each of you here tonight for your support of the Republican National Committee. // And for your support this fall in our critical races -- in the Senate, the House, and the State Houses. It's commitment and dedication like yours that will make such a difference in so many key races.

On Barbara's behalf, thank you for that generous reception. She made me promise not to be too windy. ((Maybe she's heard the report that our military has trained for those long hours of boredom in the Gulf by listening to tapes of my speeches.)) //

((I was listening to a country and western tape on the way here, and on came Randy Travis singing, "It's just a matter of

time." // What a relief to hear a song expressing confidence in my ultimate ability to catch a fish.)) //

((Actually, here's a scoop: I'm thinking of giving up fishing altogether. As somebody put it recently: The way my golf game's been going, I spend enough time around water just being out on the course.)) //

Seriously, I want to take a moment to salute a man who is in our thoughts this evening. He's a fighter // a winner // above all, he's our friend and inspiration, Lee Atwater. // Lee has been forced to keep a low profile. But he, himself, is a profile in courage. I join every Republican in extending prayers to Lee, his wife Sally, and his three daughters, Sarah, Ashley, and Sally T. // Here's to the grand young man of the Grand Old Party. //

Like you, Lee Atwater knows what this election is all about. It's about values and priorities. It's about keeping America strong. It's about one philosophy -- ours -- that wants to move ahead -- working, creating, dreaming. And another philosophy -- the Democrats' philosophy -- that is as timeworn as it is tired.

The Democrats' philosophy burdens people for the benefit of government. Our philosophy could not be more different. It uses government for the benefit of easing burdens on people. // Democrats believe in status-quo. Republicans believe in status-grow. Democrats embrace "More of the same." Republicans embrace the letters "GOP": Growth, opportunity, and prosperity.

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For proof, let's look first at the budget. Why not? That's all Congress has been doing for nearly a year. // Some say there's not a dollar's worth of difference between our two parties. They're right. // There's half-a-trillion dollars' worth. // That's what our plan -- the Republican plan -- would have slashed from the Federal budget deficit over the next five years. //

All of you know the history of these budget negotiations. It's a very sad history. Nearly eight months ago, I proposed a budget for the coming fiscal year. That didn't wake up the Congress. So three months ago, I said that to cut the deficit, everything would be considered "on the table." That didn't wake up the Congress. // As a result, five days from now we face the prospect of drastic spending cuts that will scar America. Yet still Congress refuses to make real spending cuts and real budget reform. In short, to put our fiscal house in order. //

Sequestration isn't partisan fiction. It's real / it's approaching / and once here, it will cost jobs and harm our economy. It is senseless. It is also needless. So I call on Congress to oppose further tax hikes. And support growth-oriented tax incentives -- from expanded IRA's to Family Savings Accounts to, yes, a cut in the capital gains tax. // Together, let's do what we were elected to do: serve the American people. Not sometime. Not someplace. But here in Washington. Now. //

As the budget proves, Americans expect their leaders to act quickly -- and intelligently. Let me tell a story which shows

what I mean. Happened up in Kennebunkport. ((I told John Sununu I'd like to deliver a speech called, "Keeping pace with rapidly-moving events." He said, "Do you really think an audience wants to hear what it's like to play 18 holes with you?" // I said, "Sure, I like to do things quickly // and you can ignore that rumor that I watch 60 Minutes in three-quarters of an hour.")) //

Americans do expect action. Yet let me note several other ways Congress has wavered -- thwarting growth, opportunity, and prosperity. //

It's been sixteen months, for instance, since our Administration's Comprehensive Crime Control proposals reached Capitol Hill. // Some feel we can soft-pedal the need to be hard on crime. Republicans disagree. We know that for anybody who kills a police officer, no legal penalty is too tough. // So our legislation proposes a workable death penalty -- a real death penalty -- for the killers of Federal law enforcement officers. And we urge all Governors to enact similar legislation for the killers of local police officers. // Soon, the House will begin debate on its version of the Crime Bill. I call on Congress to give cop-killers the kind of punishment they deserve.

Here's another issue where the Congress has delayed. The environment. Over a year ago (this is beginning to sound familiar), we proposed a landmark bill to rewrite the Clean Air Act. Legislation which says we can have a sound economy and a safe environment. Sound good? Apparently not to the Democrats. // Six months ago, we reached an agreement with the Senate

leadership -- and still no final action. To the Congress, I say: Republicans don't think we have to throw people out of work to protect our environment. Send me a Clean Air Act I can sign. //

((As you can see, clear differences abound between our parties. Sort of like the difference between the old and new "Air Force One." // The new plane is incredible. But, I want to take this chance to deny the rumor that I held budget meetings last week in the forward horseshoe pits.)) //

This fall, Republicans and Democrats will discuss our differences. Fairly, and honorably, as all Americans should. Yet, as we debate, let's remember one issue confronting us that unites us as a people. I refer to the Persian Gulf. //

Two weeks ago, I went before the Congress to talk about what we must do together to defend civilized values around the world. I spoke of how our objectives in the Middle East are clear: Iraq must withdraw from Kuwait, completely, immediately, and without reservation. Kuwait's legitimate government must be restored. The security and stability of the Persian Gulf must be assured. And American citizens and others must be protected. //

Tonight, I say: Those goals are unchanged. We will stay in the Persian Gulf not a moment more, nor less, than necessary. We will stay just as long as it takes to complete our mission. //

To finish the job will require the support of our friends and allies. We have it. Think of the unprecedented United Nations' unity. And the aid -- economic or military -- from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey; from

Germany, Japan, France, the United Kingdom, and many others. Think of our Arab allies who are sacrificing so much -- above all, Egypt. This isn't the U.S. against Iraq. It's Iraq against the world. We're not going it alone -- and believe me, we are going to see it through. //

We will continue to stand up to aggression -- and for those who believe that no Nation should mug another -- and get away with it. // We will continue to put our armed forces where they are needed, when they are needed. // Incidentally, if Saddam Hussein had any doubts about our staying power, the last few weeks should dispel them. Go to any city or town. Ask anyone you meet. Their refrain can be heard from Bangor to Baghdad: America will not be intimidated. //

So, this fall, let's honor our brave servicemen and women. Defending them here at home -- just as they're defending us around the world. I'm talking, of course, about democracy. // If our troops can vote by absentee, how can we do less? Let's put into practice what America's heroes are showing abroad.

As we do, let's remember a man who knew something about democracy -- and war and peace -- as well as the difference between our parties. // His name was Dwight David Eisenhower, and this year we observe the centennial of his birth. What's more, we celebrate Ike's lessons that endure until today. //

Dwight Eisenhower showed how, at home, private enterprise can unleash growth, opportunity, and prosperity. And that abroad, America will never -- ever -- allow a tyrant to brutalize

the family of Nations. // Something, I might add, that a certain dictator should recall as he goes to sleep each night.//

Today, America has never been more willing or able to follow Ike's lessons. Today, we will do what is right for America -- and for the world. // Thank you for this occasion. Let's have a grand November 6. And God bless the greatest Nation on the face of this earth -- the United States of America.

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