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October 7, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
 TONY SNOW

FROM: BETH HINCHLIFFE

SUBJECT: NATIONAL REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL COMMITTEE
 ROUNDTABLE

I. SUMMARY

On Wednesday, October 9, at the Corcoran Gallery, you will deliver remarks (10 minutes, on cards) to an audience of approximately 300 businesspeople gathered for an NRSC Roundtable. You will be introduced by Senator Phil Gramm.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks highlight the triumphs of Republican ideals abroad, the success of these ideals at home, and the need for a Republican majority to clear the fog of Congressional recalcitrance.

Mary - NRSC
675-6061

(Hinchliffe/Nix)
October 7, 1991 6 p.m.
NRSC Draft Five

D'Amato - no, will be with Vice Pres.
Brown - no
Thurmond - maybe, will know by noon
Mack - tentative, wife in surgery will confirm later
Watkins - no

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NRSC ROUNDTABLE
CORCORAN GALLERY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1991
5:50 p.m.

A fine cabinet member,
Sec. Sullivan
Louis Administrator
EPA Bill Reilly
not Senator Steve Symms
Bill Reilly

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Thank you, Phil [Gramm]. Wendy, it's nice to see you. Let me also welcome members of our Congressional delegation -- Hank Brown, Al D'Amato, Connie Mack, Strom Thurmond. We've also got some cabinet members with us this evening -- Louis Sullivan, Admiral [James] Watkins. [[Standing up here on "the bridge" -- that's what they call this area here -- I feel a bit like an admiral, too.]]

It's great to see so many friends -- a lot of us go back quite a few years. Let me say -- you keep our party going.

You and I are here together again tonight because we share a dream. It's a dream of an America in which everyone enjoys a full and fair chance to build a good life; an America that leads the world by example in its commitment to democracy, prosperity and peace; an America in which men and women of all races and backgrounds view one another as neighbors and fellow citizens -- and not as enemies.

We are here because we believe that you build a better future on principles, not on empty promises. And we are here because we know that our government can achieve the goals we have set forth only if we elect more Republicans to the Senate.

We have been through an amazing few weeks. Democracy has begun taking shape in lands once crushed by communism, but also

has been dealt a cruel setback in Haiti.

We see the possibility of a peace conference involving the parties in the Middle East -- something previous administrations have dreamed about, but none ever has achieved.

We see prospects for a world in which nuclear weapons no longer seem a persistent threat -- a world made safer by the commitment of all nations to defend the values of liberty, democracy and peace.

In short, we see that the world has finally come to understand something we Americans have known for years. I've called it "the hard work of freedom." We understand that freedom works. The work may be hard and hazardous -- but it's worth it.

If Republicans hadn't fought hard for a sound national defense in years past, we wouldn't enjoy this victory today.

If Republicans hadn't insisted on resisting communist aggression around the world, we wouldn't enjoy this victory today.

And if Republicans hadn't insisted on taking a long, hard look at the realities of power politics around the world, we wouldn't enjoy this victory today. We'd still be frozen in the Cold War.

Our ideals have triumphed abroad. Now, we must make them work even better at home. So far this administration has made great strides toward establishing a new tone and direction to American politics. Oh, the media haven't reported it. Our opponents won't admit it. But look at what we've been able to do

so far.

Our child care law lets parents choose which places can best care for their children.

Our Clean Air Act includes anti-pollution market incentives that had held up on the Hill for years -- until we pushed for a good bill and won.

The Americans with Disabilities Act has extended full and equal opportunity to 43 million Americans.

Our housing bill offers housing tenants the promise of home ownership.

And our budget agreement places real caps on spending.

Together, these achievements do two things. First, they remove government's heavy hand from the daily affairs of many Americans. Second, they reject the notion that only government knows best. They make it clear that we trust the American people to do what's right -- if we give them a chance.

We're moving now to build on these successes. We want to make this a safer America: with our comprehensive crime package and drug bill. A smarter America: with greater freedom of choice in education. A more efficient America: with our National Energy Strategy. A more mobile America: with a highway bill that more than triples the size of our interstate highway system. And a fairer America: with a Civil Rights Bill that invites people to battle discrimination together, rather than to sue one another.

We all want the same things -- safe streets and good schools, motivated children and caring adults. We want a

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More correct
to say
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National highway system

National

government that performs its duties with compassion and efficiency. That means programs that work -- not just programs that sound good.

It seems odd that choice, deregulation and private enterprise have become popular in Moscow, but face roadblocks in Washington. It seems strange, but Congress just refuses to act on initiatives to make government leaner, more efficient, and less intrusive.

The bills I just discussed -- crime, education, energy, transportation, and Civil Rights -- remain hostages to a Democratic Congress that would much rather block our agenda than deal with the problems Americans really care about.

The Democratic leadership seems determined to turn everything -- even things that everyone supports -- into a political fight. When I announced the most sweeping unilateral nuclear arms reduction ever, people around the world rejoiced -- but Democrats insisted on giving a "Democratic response."

When I told the nation's school children to work hard, behave, reject crime and drugs, and assume responsibility for their futures, Democrats claimed that I had engaged in political tricks. Well, okay. If it's Republican politics to support the values of hard work, excellence, accountability, responsibility and a rejection of drugs and violence, then I am proud to call myself a Republican.

Last week, I had to threaten vetoes when Congress insisted on passing unemployment compensation legislation that would bust

the budget and parental leave bills that would hurt working men and women. Everyone cares about people who want work, but can't find it. We haven't turned our backs on those people, but we want to help them in a responsible manner. And it's just not responsible to pass a budget-busting unemployment compensation bill, along with another bill that would throw more people out of work.

Republicans understand that you need an employment strategy. After all, the best answer to unemployment is a good, steady job.

In 1989 I submitted a growth package that included spending restraint and a cut in the capital gains tax. Democrats refused to permit a vote on it. In 1990, I submitted an economic growth package, but Democrats just wanted to talk about taxes and spending. We tried again this year -- same result.

So when you hear Democratic leaders complaining about sluggish growth, just remember that Democrats blocked three growth packages.

We've been burned enough. Let's push for our growth package. But let's also create something that will help promote economic growth. I'm talking about a Republican Congress.

The Democratic party has become the party of obstacles. I find it an outrage that two men as honorable and qualified as Clarence Thomas and Bob Gates must endure the vicious attacks that they've absorbed in recent weeks. I'm tired of seeing good men and women subjected to attack by innuendo and slander. They deserve better. America deserves better. Let's answer this

gutter politics -- and restore pride and honor to public service.

People of this caliber wouldn't have to worry about confirmation in a Republican Senate. Other nominees, such as Larry Lindsay and Susan Phillips for the Federal Reserve wouldn't have to wait around, wondering if they ever would get a chance to serve, if we had a Republican Senate. So let's get a Republican Senate.

Right now, in the matter of key appointments, as in the matter of key legislative initiatives, Democrats would rather obstruct us than to take constructive action.

In the lobby of the Senatorial Committee ^{building} hangs a sign that reads, "Think Majority." Well, let's do more than just think about it. Let's make it happen.

Let's work together to build stronger families // safer streets // more effective schools // a more robust economy and a more tolerant society. Families, safety, education, growth, decency: That's the Republican agenda. \\

Let's remember: No one can better guide this nation through a rapidly changing world than the Republican party, and no one can better move America into an age of greater prosperity than the Republican party.

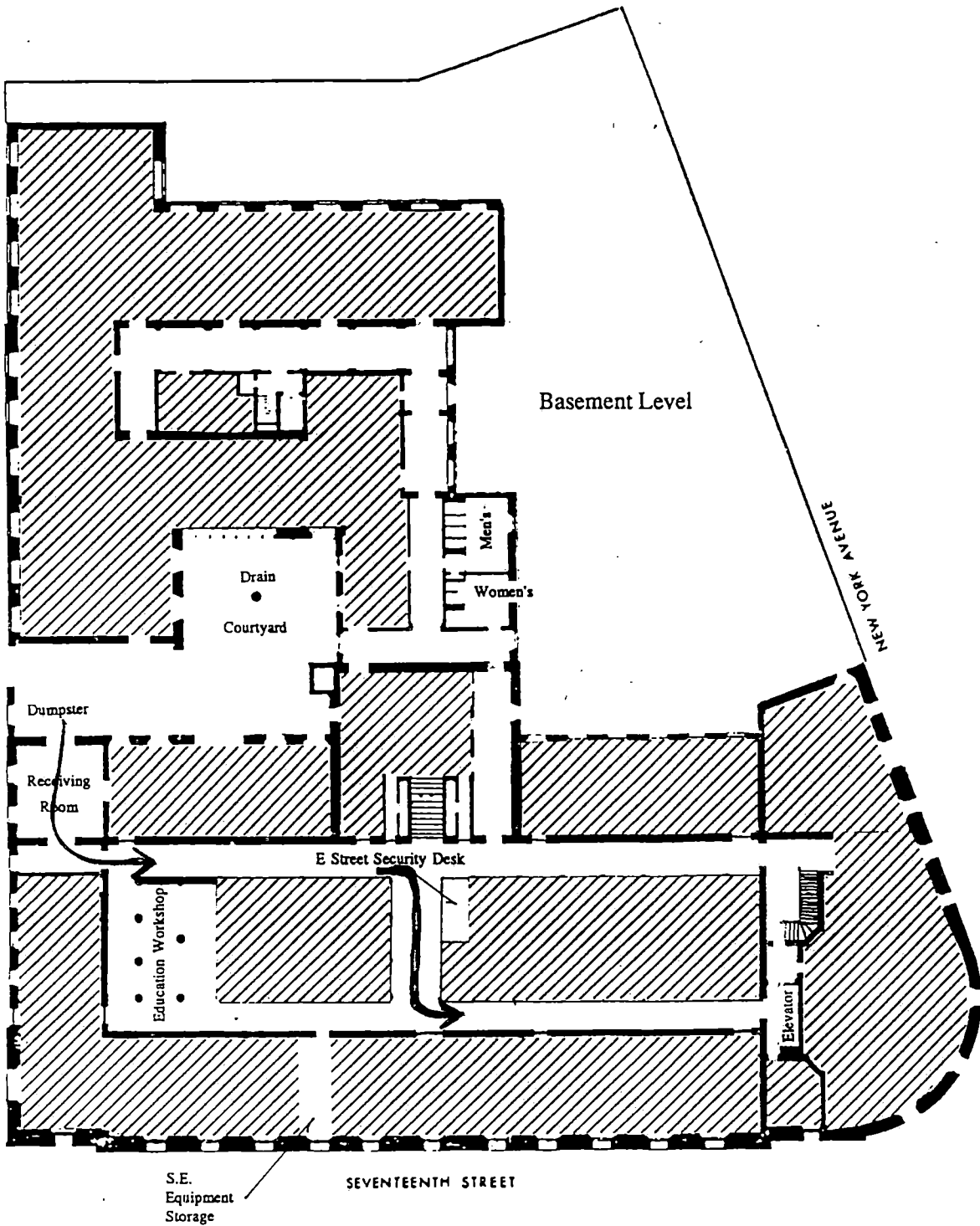
Thank you, and may God bless you and the United States of America.

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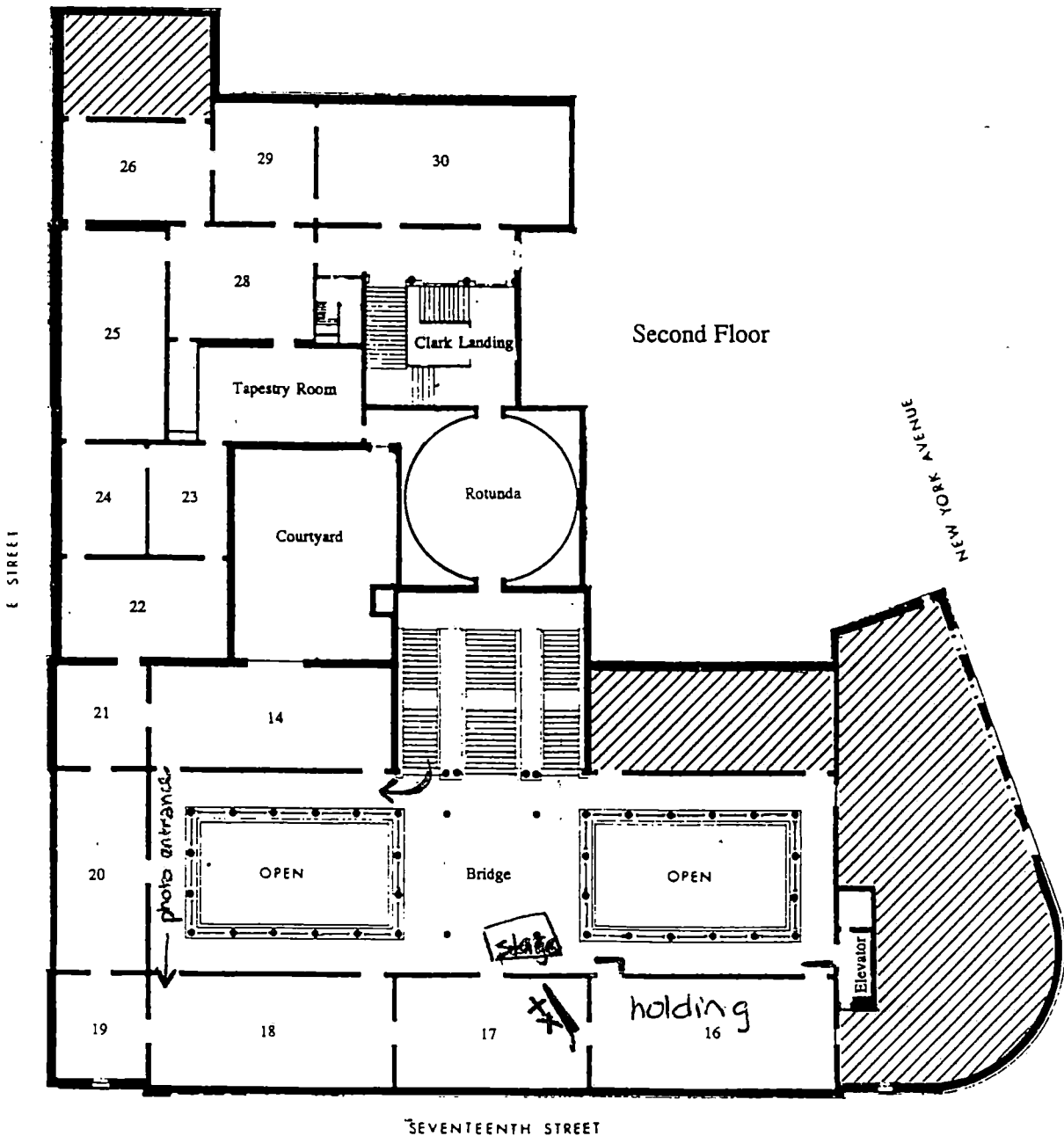
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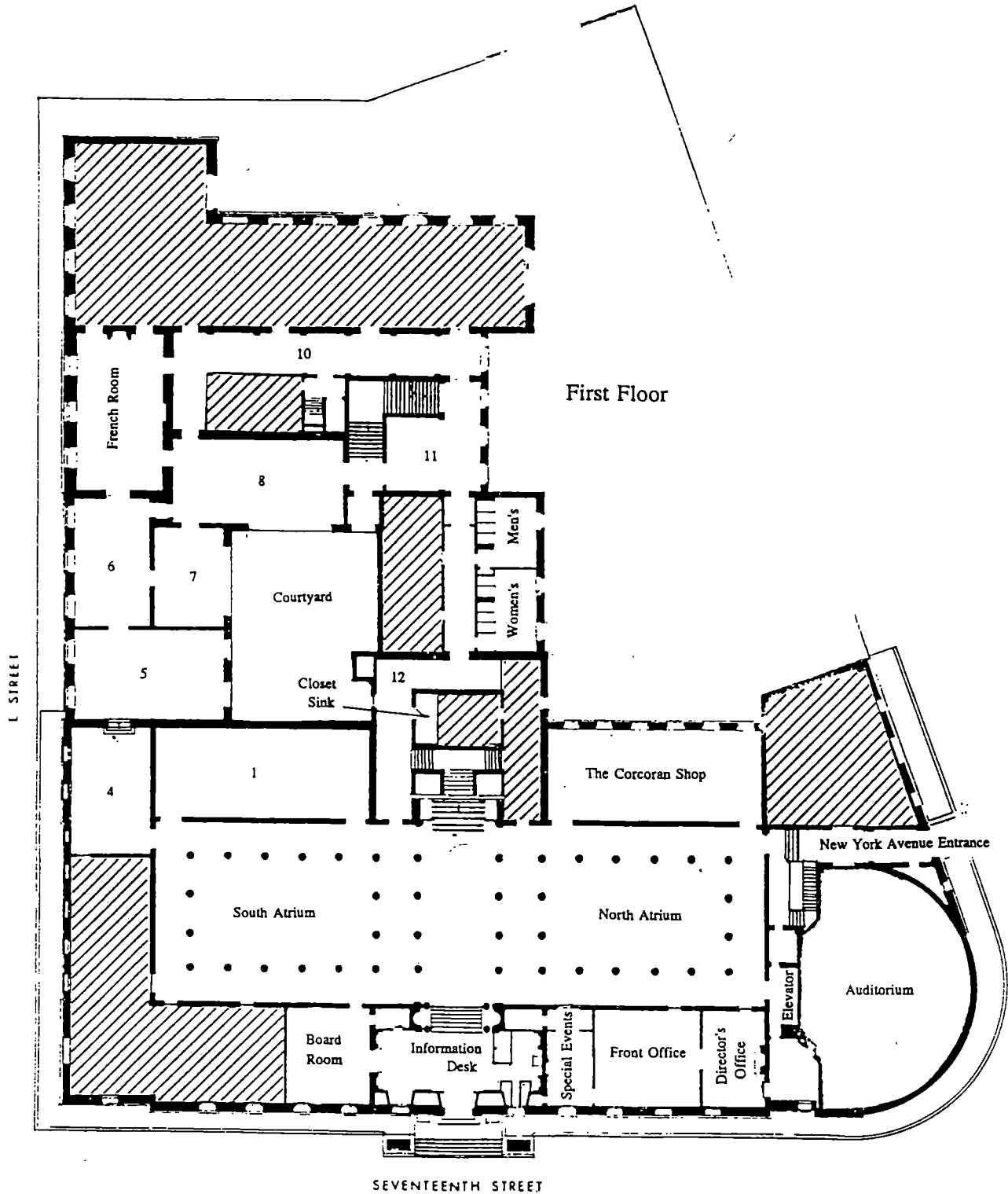
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First Floor



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Connie Mack
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per Robert of his office

Thurmond's office will know by noon

Mack's office will call early afternoon

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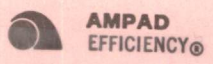
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MMAR Group, Amnesty International Join to Provide Medical Supplies to Injured in Haiti

The MMAR Group, a broker/dealer with headquarters in Houston, and its New York affiliate, Fundamental Brokers, are working with Amnesty International USA to ferry about 5,000 pounds of donated medical supplies to Haiti.

The MMAR organization is supplying the plane and pilot to make three to four flights to Haiti from Miami during this weekend. Reliant Airlines of Detroit supplied the plane and pilot to bring the supplies to Miami from Washington, D.C.

The supplies are being donated by Inova Health Care Systems and Fairfax Hospital, Fairfax, VA.

Former Military Aviator Flies Solo

The pilot, Bill Fincher of Houston, president of MARR Realty, is using his skills developed in Vietnam, where he was a military aviator.

Haitian authorities had assured the MMAR Group that the plane would be allowed to land, and was reportedly the only aircraft allowed into Haiti's main airport this weekend.

The airport was reportedly in not functioning, causing Fincher to have to visually sight the field.

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As a result, Fincher flew the prop plane only during daylight hours. He flew alone during the two-hour flights between Miami and Haiti.

Each flight was met by military authorities who inspected the cargo and hospital staff who took charge of the supplies.

Amnesty International USA is working with Haitian authorities to insure the supplies are delivered to hospitals in the country for emergency medical treatment of people who have been direct victims of the current turmoil.

Hundreds of people have been killed over the past several days, and hundreds remain without any medical care in unsanitary conditions cared for by only a few medical personnel, Amnesty International USA said.

"Amnesty International requested our assistance late Friday, and we're pleased to be able to supply a pilot and plane for this humanitarian effort," said Cory Miner, chief executive officer of MMAR Merchant Banking Group, an investment banking firm.

Supplies to Meet Critical Need

"We believe these medical supplies will meet a critical human rights need in which Haitians are not able to obtain even the most essential medical care," said Dr. David Flockhart, board member of AI-USA, of this effort, which is part of Amnesty International's ongoing relief program to aid victims of human rights abuse.

Fincher is expected to return to Houston Monday.

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Fundamental Brokers, an affiliates of the MMAR Group, is an interdealer broker, which facilitates trades between the country's 39 primary dealers.

Amnesty International is an independent worldwide movement working impartially for the relief of all prisoners of conscience, fair and prompt trials for political prisoners and an end to tortures and executions. It is funded by donations from its more than 1 million members and supporters worldwide.

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This came to your fax,

Dennis

ATTN: CORY MINER

raise scholarship money for needy students.

While the members looked on

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"The water is fine though," he said. "This has nothing to do with health."

Groups send medical aid to Haitians

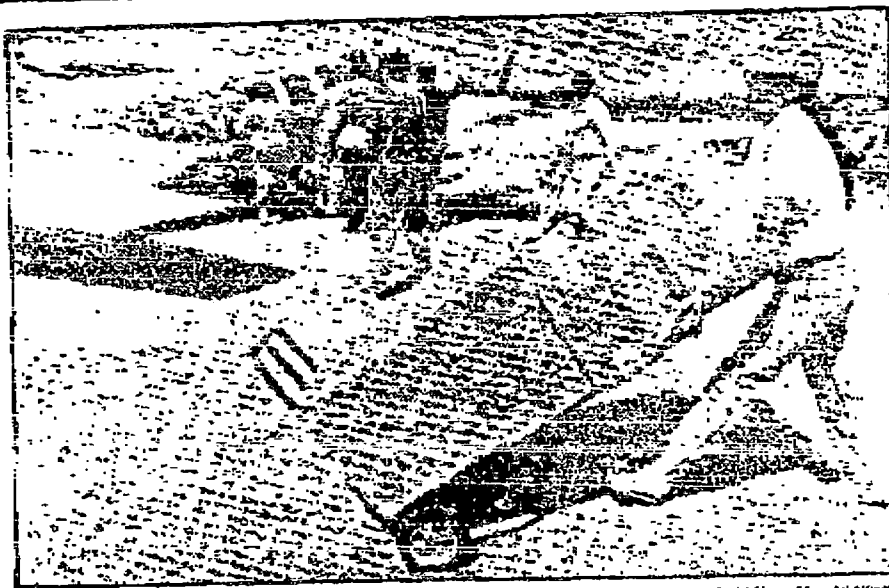
By LYDIA MARTIN
Herald Staff Writer

Pilot Bill Fischer took off from Miami International Airport Sunday in a twin-engine plane loaded with medical supplies for Haiti. Up front, he stuffed a few extra cases of plasma, syringes and swabs.

It was the third load of medical supplies — about 9,000 pounds total — to be shipped to Haiti over the weekend to help wounded civilians at the General Hospital of Port-au-Prince, where there is a dire need for medicines and supplies.

The effort was organized by the Humanitarian League of Haiti, the Haitian Medical Association and Amnesty International, which was expected to receive the goods in Haiti to make sure they were not intercepted by the government, organizers said.

There are enough sutures, syringes, antibiotics, dressings and antiseptics left over — all donated by the medical community in Miami — to fill two more small planes, said Mona Exelten, coordinator of the project and head of the Humanitarian League. But organizers don't have the money to make more shipments.



MARKE CORREANO / Miami Herald Staff

MISSION OF MERCY: Volunteer worker Zulmae Douyon loads medical supplies on a plane to help Haitian civilians.

The first three flights were donated by a Houston investment firm called The NIMAK Group, which was contacted for help by Amnesty International.

"If other flights go out, we will have to pay for them," Exelten said. "We need the entire community's help with donations of money to continue."

Each flight into Haiti costs about \$4,000, she said.

Jean-Robert Lafortune, political analyst for Radio MenKontre on WKAT-1360 A.M., which also is involved in the

effort, said Miami's Haitian community has pulled together to help get the medical supplies to the island nation.

"Both supporters of Aristide and people who are critical of Aristide have joined to help the people of Haiti," he said, referring to the ousted Haitian president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide. "They are all calling on and making donations."

For more information on making donations to the Haitian relief project, call the Humanitarian League of Haiti from 9-6 p.m. weekdays at 754-7159.

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To Readers of Interpulse, Greetings:

You have embarked upon the greatest adventure a people can undertake, the project of defining yourself through a written Constitution. The Founders of our nation understood the challenge clearly. In the very first Federalist paper, Alexander Hamilton wrote that "it seems to have been reserved to the people of this country, by their conduct and example, to decide the important question, whether societies of men are really capable or not of establishing good government from reflection and choice, or whether they are forever destined to depend for their political constitutions on accident and force."

Every nation has suffered through its own misfortunes of accident and force. You now have a chance to build your own order out of your own culture, your own experience -- your own reflection and choice.

As you embark upon this adventure, I would strongly suggest that you study the American Constitution, and especially the Bill of Rights. The Ten Amendments of the Bill of Rights form the foundation of America's commercial, political and international strength. Those amendments establish the principle that

government must work to protect the rights of individuals and minorities.

The Bill of Rights protects the rights to religion, free speech, a free press; the right to assemble peaceably and seek redress of grievances. It enshrines the rights of life, liberty and property; the rights to a fair, open and speedy trial by one's peers; and the freedom from arbitrary government attempts to restrict individual rights.

It does not offer abstract promises of justice. Instead, it orders the state to observe and honor the rights of American citizens. Our Constitution never would condone a law against anti-state slander, for instance. Americans regularly protest government policies, and citizens may disagree with one another, but they also respect people's rights to hold and express their own opinions.

Our government cannot seize the private property of law-abiding citizens without first providing just compensation, and usually seeking the approval of our court system.

Our Bill of Rights protects citizens from arbitrary arrest, from arbitrary legal harassment, and from being tried by a secret court.

Finally, our Bill of Rights ensures that the government cannot weaken people's inalienable rights to life, liberty and property. Our people enjoy those rights because the rights are universal. These inalienable rights hold the key to individual dignity and national prosperity.

Our Bill of Rights creates a sphere of freedom for every individual -- a sphere in which government and private citizens may not intrude without permission.

People in the United States revere the Constitution because it expresses the values Americans hold dear. As you build your own system of government, you must consult your own traditions, values and aspirations. Learn from other societies, as our founders did. Study history, philosophy, economics and politics.

But let the values of freedom, democracy and free enterprise serve as your guides. Constitutions of Freedom allow peace and prosperity to flourish. They create conditions for full and successful lives.

Still, they guarantee nothing. In the end, a fulfilling future depends upon the people. It depends upon you.

I can only wish you as much luck in drafting Constitutions that reflect your higher nature, and defend individual rights against the ambitions of the state. If you succeed, future generations will honor your memory, just as we honor the memories of our Founders. They will revere you, because you will have given them the most precious gift of all -- freedom.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NRSC ROUNDTABLE
CORCORAN GALLERY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1991

[[INTRODUCTION, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, JOKES]] It's great to see so many friends here -- a lot of us go back quite a few years. I want to tell you -- you're the ones who keep this party going.

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Not only do we share the vision -- but we also share a stake in the process. We know that the more Republicans of commitment, integrity and determination that we have in positions of power -- then the stronger, better shot we have at getting the job done and getting it done right.

Look at what we've been able to do so far. Our child care bill lets parents choose which places can best care for their children. Our Clean Air Act includes market reforms that had been discussed for years, but never had been acted on. **The Americans with Disabilities Act is our first civil rights legislation for people with disabilities.** Our housing bill offers housing tenants the promise of home ownership. And our budget agreement places real caps on spending.

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We all want the same things -- safe streets, good schools, successful children. But we need programs that work -- not just programs that sound good. Every time Washington tries to impose virtue on the nation by saddling the country with mandated rules -- people look for loopholes, instead of for incentives.

The heart of this Administration's domestic philosophy is that we believe the true power and potential and genius in this land rest in the hands of our people. Our domestic policy begins by trusting Americans. Washington must give people a chance to shape their own destinies -- not answer to distant bureaucrats. \\

But ^{there's} ~~that's~~ something powerful that's stagnating our agenda: Congress. It's become a bloated, self-serving roadblock to progress. This Administration is responding to the cries we hear across this land -- but our initiatives are held hostage by Democrats whose only domestic agenda is to stop our agenda.

Congress slaps America in the face with its own blatant irresponsibility. Look at their unemployment and parental leave legislation. It's one thing for Congressmen to bounce their own checks -- but as President I will not let them bounce the checks of this nation's inheritance. I will not let them break the budget and further burden an already burdened economy.

Fact Sheet
Surface
Transportation
Assistance
Hot
& cold
Special
March 18
Inner
Circle

As President I have serious responsibilities to this entire nation. I was elected to look after all Americans -- and I will protect the taxpayers as well as the unemployed. The bottom line? This is no place for Democratic partisan politics. It's the place for Republican principles.

Let me touch on one more outrage this country is suffering at the hands of this Democratic-controlled Congress. I refer to the shameful treatment given to two fine, courageous public servants -- Judge Clarence Thomas and Robert Gates. If we had a Republican Senate of honor, these outstanding men would have been treated with dignity and would already be confirmed and working for this nation. Instead, their characters are questioned and shredded by men intent on their own personal agendas.

Our country must return to the values it was founded upon: regard for the common good and concern for posterity. Republican leaders must begin with a national call to action that emphasizes our core beliefs: responsibility -- not self-gratification; right and wrong -- not moral free fall. These are the values we stand up for, values that say to kids: you can, you must, control your own lives -- you must live by hard work, self-discipline and service to others -- you must believe that character means the courage to reach for dreams. That's how our children will thrive -- and how our nation will survive. \\\

That's the spirit we felt earlier this year, during this nation's great celebration of patriotism. From border to border, sea to sea, our countrymen were saying: We believe in ourselves

and in our future. We're going to make this the best country it can be. We can do it. We are Americans. You can carry this call across the country. You can live the example and spread the message so that when Americans speak with their ballots they'll say -- we're voting for men and women who know what we feel, what we believe. We're voting for men and women who care about our heartlands and our heartaches. We're voting for men and women who stand for responsible government and who will return the moral fibre to this country. We're voting for Republicans.

Thank you again for your support -- your loyalty -- your commitment -- and your faith. Let's enter this new era together, proud to be Americans. May God bless this wonderful country we share.

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Sen. Gramm
introducing the
Pres.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NRSC ROUNDTABLE
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True?

He'll speak Bridge, Corcoran Gallery of Art.

Shopping strings
during and at dinner

NRSC Presidential Roundtable Gen & Dr. Gramm
10/09/91
Lisa DeBarry 675-1000 NRSC
7-10 minutes Mrs. Bush will be there.
probably on cards Dinner Offstage announce
Thank Majority

How many people? 250-275 — 300
Group → business people, presidents of companies,
(\$5,000 contribs) doctors, lawyers
Chairman Senator Gramm — will introduce guests.
Location → Corcoran
Closed guest Red Cross across street

Photo ops & remarks (brief) Paintings stay on wall

Event starts at 5:30
Photo op then reception (approx 100 for photo ops)
Photo op — upstairs
Sit down dinner afterward
Everybody will be here at 5:00
Then photo ops 5:30 15-20 minutes

After he leaves / On dais → Gram & wife
8x12 stage — flags/podium

The American Collection — will show above

Dinner will have vegetables
no green vegetables
no bread!
I was looking out for you
no broccoli!
Wendy Gramm

About the NRSC

This is a roundtable of businessmen and women -- presidents of companies, doctors, lawyers -- all who have contributed \$5,000

A final guest list of the business people is still to come (although nobody with a high name i.d. will be there) -- thus far Senators Gramm (chairman), Brown, D'Amato, Mack, Thurmond; Secretary Sullivan, Watkins; Gov. Sununu, David Carney, Andy Card, Ron Kaufman

Closed press

About 250-275 people expected

Will be held at the Corcoran Gallery

Time of speaking -- 5:30 press arrives, will have photo ops until 5:45, will speak at around 5:50.

Phil Gramm will be introducing the Pres.

JOKES

Subjects: Phil Gramm, business people, the Democrats, roundtable, free trade (Red Sox), Sadam

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We're moving now to build on these successes. We want to make this a safer America: with our comprehensive crime package and drug bill. A smarter America: with greater freedom of choice in education. A more efficient America: with our National Energy Strategy. A more mobile America: with a highway bill that more than triples the size of our interstate highway system. And a fairer America: with a Civil Rights Bill that invites people to battle prejudice together, rather than to sue one another. \\\

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We all want the same things -- safe streets, good schools, successful children. But we need programs that work -- not just programs that sound good.

It seems odd that freedom, deregulation and private enterprise have become popular in Moscow, but face opposition in Washington. It seems strange, but Congress just refuses to act on the initiatives that would make government leaner, more efficient, and less intrusive.

The bills I just discussed -- crime, education, energy, transportation, and Civil Rights -- remain hostages to a Democratic Congress that would much rather block our agenda than deal with the problems Americans really care about. We have a domestic agenda, and everyone knows it.

Yet Democratic leadership seems determined to turn everything -- even things that everyone supports -- into a political fight. When I announced the most sweeping unilateral nuclear arms reduction ever, people around the world rejoiced - but Democrats insisted on giving a "Democratic response." When I told a group of school children to work hard, behave, reject crime and drugs, and assume responsibility for their futures, Democrats claimed that I had engaged in political tricks. Well, if they want to respond and oppose hard work, excellence, accountability, responsibility and a rejection of drugs and violence, let them speak out.

Last week, I had to threaten vetoes when Congress insisted on passing unemployment compensation and parental leave bills that would bust the budget -- and hurt working men and women. There's no such thing as parental leave for a company that has gone out of business, and the best unemployment compensation I can think of is a good, steady job.

In 1989 I submitted a growth package that included spending restraint and a cut in the capital gains tax, but Democrats refused to permit a vote on it. In 1990, I submitted an economic growth package, but Democrats just wanted to talk about taxes and spending. We tried again this year -- same result. So when you hear Democratic leaders complaining about sluggish growth, just remember that Democrats blocked three growth packages. As things stand, the best growth package would be a Republican Congress. The American people have paid more than enough for a Democratic

Congress.

Democrats block progress in other ways. I find it an outrage that two men as honorable and qualified as Bob Gates and Clarence Thomas must endure the kinds of vicious attacks that they've absorbed in recent weeks. Men of this caliber wouldn't have to worry about confirmation in a Republican Senate. Other nominees, such as Larry Lindsay and Susan Phillips for the Fed wouldn't have to wait around, wondering if they ever would get a chance to serve. But in the matter of key appointments, as in the matter of key legislative initiatives, Democrats would rather obstruct us than to take constructive action.

~~When you go downstairs for dinner, you'll see a sign that~~
says, "Think Majority." Well, let's do more than just think about it. Let's make it happen.

Let's work together to build better families, to make our streets safe, our schools effective, our economy robust and our culture tolerant. That's the Republican agenda. \\\

Let's remember: No one can better guide this nation through a rapidly changing world than the Republican party, and no one can better move America into an age of greater prosperity than the Republican party.

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

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Closed press

About 300 people expected

Will be held at the Corcoran Gallery

Sen. Gramm will be introducing the Pres.

The podium will be right in front of a high doorway that has lettering above it that reads "The American Collection." JOKE HERE?

On 8 x 12 stage -- Pres and First Lady, Sen. Gramm and wife, Dr. Wendy Gramm. (The doorway behind the podium will be draped, with no logo or banner.) The area where he will be speaking is referred to as "The Bridge." The proper reference for the Corcoran is "Corcoran Gallery of Art."

Sequence of events: POTUS arrives at 5:30, photo ops until 5:45, Pres speaks at 5:50, then leaves (everyone else goes down to a sit-down dinner.

Paintings will all remain on walls, but some will be roped off.

There will be strolling strings at the reception and during dinner.

The dinner will serve vegetables -- no green ones though. JOKE ABOUT BROCCOLI? Along the lines of what he said at Utah GOP Fundraiser speech: I noticed the menu said bouquet and I know my French well enough to know that means vegetables -- probably broccoli.

There will be a banner downstairs as the guests come in that reads "Think Majority." Might be a good snippet in the speech.

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Frankly I think Americans are tired of fighting one another. We all want the same things: safe streets, good schools, successful children. But we need programs that work -- not just programs that sound good. Every time Washington tries to impose virtue on the nation by saddling the country with mandated rules -- people look for loopholes, instead of for incentives. \\\

At one point in the movie "Awakenings," a fellow who's been asleep for decades wakes up and has the whole world in front of him. When his doctor asks him what he wants to do that day, his face breaks into a huge grin and he shouts: "Everything!"

That's what we need to celebrate -- our natural belief in unlimited possibilities. \\\

And we have to start with the family -- our most precious resource. Think of lost kids, stoned on drink or drugs or emptiness -- kids who are isolated, underachieving, uncaring. Well, I look at Desert Storm and I see that young American men and women are still the finest in the world. We have to stop hiding our thousands of points of light beneath a bushel. \\\

The troops of Desert Storm not only helped rescue a nation abroad -- they also transformed a nation at home. That confidence, that quiet pride, that sense of duty illuminated our better selves. We liked what we saw. We want to see more. \\\ And we will, because they taught us a lesson, those servicemen and women who stood tall and withstood all. They taught us to rediscover our belief that Americans have integrity and courage and strength and that together we can do anything. \\\

We ought to celebrate the values our country was founded upon. We must begin with a national call to action that emphasizes family -- not alienation. Right and wrong -- not "moral free fall." Responsibility, hard work, self-discipline.

It's in the family that those values take root -- where kids learn they can, they must, control their own lives. It's in the family where kids learn that character means the courage to reach for dreams. To make it through this world, we must each navigate by the dictates of our own inner moral compass -- and the family must shape that compass early. That's how our children will thrive -- and how our nation will survive. \\\

That's the spirit we felt earlier this year, during this nation's great celebration of patriotism. From border to border, sea to sea, our countrymen were saying: We believe in ourselves and in our future. We're going to make this the best country it can be. We can do it. We are Americans. \\\

You can carry this call across the country. You can live the example and spread the message so that when Americans surge

into voting booths to speak with their ballots they'll say: We're voting for men and women who know what we feel, what we believe. We're voting for men and women who care about our heartlands and our heartaches. We're voting for men and women who will return the moral fibre to this country.. We're voting for Republicans.

Thank you again for your support -- your loyalty -- your commitment -- and your faith. Let's enter this new era together, with strength and with pride, knowing that we can do anything -- we are Americans. May God bless the United States of America.

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Closed press

About 250-275 people expected

Will be held at the Corcoran Gallery

Time of speaking -- 5:30 pres arrives, will have photo ops until 5:45, will speak at around 5:50.

Phil Graham will be introducing the Pres.

JOKES

Subjects: Phil Graham, business people, the Democrats, roundtable, free trade (Red Sox), Sadam

**Remarks at a Dinner for the Senate
Republican Leadership**

November 13, 1990

Bob, thank you very much for those kind words, and let me just say how pleased Barbara and I are to be here. You all did a smart thing today in returning a true Republican leader to office: Bob Dole. In fact, Millie has already sent her congratulations to Leader. *[Laughter]*

I really wanted to be here for a lot of reasons, but one of them is because Bob has led our policy with style and wit, and with precision, with integrity. I've come to count on him every single day. And he's been a great Republican leader, as great as any in the past. And I say that—we had another great one sitting here tonight: Howard Baker. And I also think of Joy's dad, Everett Dirksen—great, great leaders. But I think we would all agree that Bob Dole is doing an exceptional and an outstanding job. And again, I count my blessings that he's leader in the United States Senate for our party.

While I'm at it, I want to congratulate the new head of the Red Cross, someone I will miss at our Cabinet meetings. And I'm very sorry she couldn't be with us. She's up still laboring under the Labor portfolio up there in New York at a big meeting of the AFL-CIO, I believe it is. But anyway, let me just say to you, my friends in the Senate, what I've tried to tell outside world when Elizabeth [Dole] and I walked into the press room: She has done an outstanding job for this country. And it's right and proper now that she go on to this new challenge. But what a superb Secretary of Labor she's been. Bob, tell her we miss her here tonight.

And of course, then, on the rest our leadership: Al Simpson, back from a landslide, proving that adage that you can fool some of the people all of the time. *[Laughter]* But nevertheless, I congratulate him. And a congratulations to the newly elected conference chairman, Thad Cochran; and the secretary, Senator Bob Kasten; to Phil Gramm, a fellow Texan, senatorial campaign committee chairman; Don Nichols, now the new policy committee chairman. And I look forward to working closely with every single one of you. And I would say to those who didn't make it: You didn't lose at all.

And I detected at least a wonderful spirit of comradery upstairs. And the party here in the Senate is together and strong, and we've got great new leadership.

Let me also acknowledge the four Senators among us who have left their mark on our party and our nation. Senator Bill Armstrong has been a superb chairman of the policy committee, and now he returns to Colorado. What a great Senator he's been.

And I didn't see Gordon Humphrey, but if he's here, let me say that he's done an outstanding job. And now he's taken his case back at the grassroots level in the State of New Hampshire. And I admire him, and I respect him for that. And when I arrived in Washington as—you won't believe this—a skinny freshman in the House of Representatives, one of the first friends that I found was a colleague by the name of Jim McClure. We were elected in November in 1966, and since then I've seen him leave the House and become a truly great Senator from Idaho. And over the years, I can just say that Barbara and I have treasured our friendship with Jim and Louise. And I wish him all the very best, if he's out there—I think he is somewhere.

And then, of course, Bob so appropriately saluted the other leaving a legacy of leadership here: Rudy Boschwitz. Rudy was on the national committee when I was chairman of the Republican committee, and we've been friends ever since. And I'll tell you, if there was ever a hurt—a personal hurt—coming out of this election, it was the Minnesota Senate race. But I have this wonderful, warm feeling that we haven't heard the last from Rudy Boschwitz. And I'll tell you, we love him, and we thank him for what he did.

And then, of course, I just want to add my hearty congratulations to Hank Brown, to Larry Craig, and to Bob Smith, and to say that I look forward to working with all of you. You've won a great victory for our party, and I think we're going to win a lot of victories for our country. And so, once again, to the three newly elected Members of this Senate, congratulations and best of luck to each and every one of you.

And now let me just conclude by saying that we gather here 1 week—it seems like eons ago to me—but 1 week after the

American people returned to Washington. It's a good party; it's a good purpose and vision party and my party and clear. And we to private sector, expanding our economy how the economy. We are as committed, not the failure here in the last Congress. Spending of the Republican Presidents, fight the special interests for interest.

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American people turned to the polls and returned to Washington a government divided. It's a government that's divided by party; it's a government that's divided by purpose and vision. But our purpose as a party and my purpose remains undivided and clear. And we are as committed as ever to private sector, progrowth solutions, expanding our economy, not arguing over how the economic pie should be divided. We are as committed as ever to opportunity, not the failed policies that we fought here in the last Congress on the taxing and spending of the liberals. And we will, as a Republican President and Republican Senators, fight the opposition and fight the special interests for the sake of the national interest.

You know the world is changing, and those changes are going to produce exciting new challenges. Working together, we can prepare this great country to meet those challenges and lead the world into the 21st century. In my view, a lot of the action is going to be at the State level. And this brings me to one who left the Senate to move to the State level, and the biggest State in the United States. And I'm talking, of course, about Pete Wilson and his superb win out there in California.

As I look at our national agenda, it seems to me we've got to keep in mind that the government closest to the people does govern best. And, Pete, I look forward to working with you. I know all the Senate does in working with you and the other Republican Governors and other Governors to make this country just a little better.

You know, in the year ahead, perhaps we should draw some inspiration from a great American of the last century. I want to read you some words: "Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir men's blood and probably in themselves will not be realized. Make big plans. Aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble idea once recorded will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing."

The man who wrote those words was Daniel Burnham, the architect who conceived and built this great Union Station. And as we had a chance earlier to look around at the ceilings and the gilded geometry that sprang from one man's imagina-

tion, let's remember to make big plans, to aim high in hope and work.

These are not particularly easy times. As we look—Bob referred to the situation in the Gulf. It is my view that the United States will not and must not fail in its objectives. And the objectives are clearly outlined in the 10 resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. And it isn't a question simply of the economic interests of the world—and they are enormous, as you see the Third World driven to its knees already by the results of Saddam Hussein's [President of Iraq] aggression against Kuwait. It isn't simply the economic matters—and they are enormous because we have enormous economic stakes in what happens in that part of the world. And I can think of nothing worse than to see an aggression rewarded and then tomorrow to have the economic noose tightened even further. We're already feeling the pinches in this country of what he's done.

But there's another and a more fundamental principle involved, and that is that one big nation not take over another, one big nation cannot bully and beat into submission another. And it is my view that the United States alone can lead and stand on principle to be sure that we don't set a dangerous precedent for tomorrow.

And so, I stand here to tell you that I am grateful for your support. And I am more determined than I've ever been that we hold this magnificent historic coalition together and that we not fall short of our objectives which have been clearly stated. The United States will not and must not fail. And to achieve that end, I need your support. And I'm grateful for that which you have already given to me and, thus, to our country. But these are serious times, and I expect I would be falling short of what's in my heart if I didn't tell you I am grateful to each and every one of you who have been able to support us in these very difficult times.

Thank you, and God bless you all. And, Bob, thank you for your magnificent leadership once again.

Note: The President spoke at 7:54 p.m. in the East Hall at Union Station. In his remarks, he referred to Howard Baker's wife,

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Joy, and Jim McClure's wife, Louise. He also referred to the First Family's dog, Millie, and Senator Dole's dog, Leader.

Executive Order 12733—Authorizing the Extension of the Period of Active Duty of Personnel of the Selected Reserve of the Armed Forces
November 13, 1990

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including sections 121 and 673b(i) of title 10 of the United States Code, I hereby determine that, in the interests of national security, extending the period of active duty is necessary for the following: units of the Selected Reserve, and members of the Selected Reserve not assigned to a unit organized to serve as a unit of the Selected Reserve, now serving on or hereafter ordered to active duty pursuant to section 673b(a) of title 10 of the United States Code and Executive Order No. 12727 of August 22, 1990. Further, under the stated authority, I hereby authorize the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Transportation with respect to the Coast Guard when the latter is not operating as a service in the Department of the Navy, to extend the period of active duty of such units and members of the Selected Reserve.

This order is intended only to improve the internal management of the executive branch, and is not intended to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by a party against the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any person.

This order shall be published in the *Federal Register* and transmitted promptly to the Congress.

George Bush

The White House,
November 13, 1990.

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 10:56 a.m., November 14, 1990]

Note: The Executive order was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on November 14.

Letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate on the Extension of Active Duty of the Selected Reserve of the Armed Forces
November 13, 1990

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

I have today, pursuant to section 673b(i) of title 10, United States Code, authorized the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Transportation with respect to the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service within the Department of the Navy, to extend for an additional 90 days the period of active duty of units and individual members not assigned to units organized to serve as units of the Selected Reserve ordered to active duty pursuant to section 673b(a) of title 10, United States Code and Executive Order No. 12727 of August 22, 1990. The continued need for units and members of the Selected Reserve to augment the active Armed Forces of the United States for the effective support and conduct of operational missions in and around the Arabian Peninsula necessitates this action.

A copy of the Executive order implementing this action is attached.

Sincerely,

George Bush

Note: Identical letters were sent to Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Dan Quayle, President of the Senate. The letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on November 14.

Remarks at the Presentation Ceremony for the President's Environmental Youth Awards
November 14, 1990

Well, this is a big day at the White House. I'm glad to see you all here. And I heard those kind comments by our outstanding

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