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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NRCC LUNCHEON  
HOTEL  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1991

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Kent Kies, chairman of the President's Forum. / Chairman of the  
NRCC -- my good friend Guy Vander Jagt, and his wife Carol. /  
Let me also salute your co-chairman -- Spencer Abraham. / It's  
exciting to see you all. // Of course, more than eighty  
Republican members of the House. // Above all, I want to thank  
each of you for your support of the National Republican  
Congressional Committee. //

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great Son of Illinois, House Republican Leader Bob Michel. Last  
year, we honored the ranking Republican members of the House. //  
There's a Latin phrase, primus inter pares -- it means "First  
among equals." Today, we honor men and women who are all first  
among equals -- every single GOP member of the House of  
Representatives. //

I begin with a news flash, and a pledge. ((There's a lot of  
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I'm following a regimen that'll have me running two miles a day, and four on weekends.)) //

((Now the pledge: I'm not going to speak for long. You have to get back to your jobs -- and I have to get back to my reading. // Recently, I began Mikhail Gorbachev's book about the overthrow in Moscow. / Of course, the book I'm really waiting for is about the overthrow in the New Jersey legislature.)) //

I am here to say: Today New Jersey, tomorrow the Congress. // If democracy can come to Moscow, it can come to the House of Representatives. / It won't be easy -- we'll have to take our fight to the people. But the times are right / and our policies are right -- for Republicans to help make the American Dream a reality. //

Let me talk about three reasons for this. The first is our economic policy / then, our social policy / finally, our foreign policy. // All are parts of the whole. Each can keep America, as Thomas Jefferson said, "a land where light and liberty are on steady advance." //

All of us are concerned about the economy. We want more growth / more jobs / more prosperity. We want to help those who have lost their jobs. We want to help them get new jobs -- better jobs. //

For months, my policies have pursued these goals. We want an America of people working, creating, investing, dreaming. We think America means endless horizons -- not a rear-view mirror. So I have asked the Democratic Congress to pass our growth

package. // I'd might as well have indulged in a dialogue of the deaf. //

All liberal Democrats appear to want to do is delay / distort / and destroy our programs. For months they fiddled while recession loomed. Go to the industrial Midwest. They will tell you America deserves better than liberals who won't even permit a vote on our capital gains tax cut. / Travel to the small towns of Vermont. Ask if they think economic growth should be blocked by one-party control of Congress. / The only thing liberals do well is demagogue on the economy -- exploiting economic insecurity to create ethnic animosity. I think America deserves better. //

Since 1956, Democrats have controlled the House. Because they have been unaccountable, they have become irresponsible. // Liberals don't seem to understand that Federal money is your money -- nor how hypocritical it is to exempt themselves from the laws they make everyone else obey. // ((Did you know that with all the pious talk by some Democrats on sexual harrassment -- the Senate, as that debate went on, had exempted itself from the very sexual harrassment laws everyone else had to live by?)) I'm here to give the liberals one more chance. Let them be as committed to stimulating economic growth as they are to stimulating economic fear. //

Today, I challenge Congressional Democrats to pass our growth package: A cut in the capital gains tax rate, banking reform, personal savings incentives, the creation of a permanent

R&D tax credit, and increased investment in science, technology, and infrastructure. // To the fear-mongers in the House and Senate, I say: If you are really concerned about fairness, put your votes where your mouths are. // Help do the people's business by helping American business create new jobs. //

((All of this reminds me of that old joke -- you know what you get when you play country music backwards? You get your job back, your wife back, your dog back . . . Well, you know what you get when you throw the Democrats out of Congress? You get your job back, your pride back, your country back.)) ///

Republicans know that prosperity comes not from the growth of government -- but from policies that result in the growth of opportunity. The same is true when we come to social policy. You've heard that great moderate, Teddy Kennedy, say we don't have a domestic agenda. What he really means is we don't have his domestic agenda. // We never will have his agenda as long as I am President. // I am not going to do to America what liberals have done to the cause of good government. //

Think, for a moment, about Bob Gates. For four months, the Democratic Congress held up his nomination. // None of us will ever forget what Clarence Thomas endured. We saw how Congress replaced the policy of advise and consent with the politics of search and destroy. // If we do one thing next year, let's restore civility and tolerance to American politics. Help me elect Republicans who will bring decency and fair play back to the United States Congress. //

Republicans will also help pass our domestic agenda. Listen to these facts. // On March 20, I sent banking reform legislation to Congress. That was 238 days ago. No bill. / On March 11, I sent Congress crime legislation to take hoods off the streets. That was 247 days ago. No bill. // On March 4, I sent up energy legislation. That was 254 days ago -- no bill. // On February 13, up went our transportation legislation. That was 273 days ago -- you guessed it, no bill. //

For two years Congress has blocked attempts to support a Constitutional Amendment restoring voluntary prayer to our schools. I say: It's about time we remembered we are "One Nation Under God." // For two years I've prodded Congress to pass our Educational Excellence Act -- and over the last six months our America 2002 program. All of us know America's schools aren't making the grade. // We need more Republicans so that Congress won't continue to flunk the test. //

In each case, Democrats have pandered to special interests. NEA -- NOW -- ACLU -- the soft-on-crime crowd -- and, yes, that misnamed group, People for the American Way. // Our interests are different. We are concerned about America's interests. Nowhere is that more true than in foreign policy. Liberals never met a defense cut they didn't like. We say: We must keep America strong -- so that America's strength can help keep the peace. //

There's a passage from the Bible: "By their works Ye shall know them." When it comes to foreign policy, by the liberals'

record we shall know them. // Think of liberal Democrats over the last 20 years. They were wrong about the Mayaguez / wrong about the Shah of Iran / they were wrong about the peaceniks, freeznicks, and wrong about Peace Through Strength. They were wrong about Libya / wrong about Grenada / wrong as you can be about the Strategic Defense Initiative. // Talk about a gang who, literally, can't shoot straight. // If we had followed the Democrats' advice, Saddam Hussein would be in Saudi Arabia as I speak.

Now, they're at it again. I refer, of course, about the truly ludicrous charge that a President shouldn't concern himself with foreign policy. // When I work to crack protectionism to create more American jobs and economic growth, is that foreign or domestic policy?

When drugs threatened our very survival as a people, I went to Columbia to protect the lives of our children. Is stopping drug abuse foreign or domestic?

When a brutal tyrant invaded Kuwait -- we helped roll back aggression and liberate a land. Was this victory foreign or domestic? Desert Storm made America a better place. I am proud of our troops. They made ours a better world. //

There's a Texas saying, "Dance with the one who brung you." Our policies have helped bring America to peace and democracy undreamt of in human history. // Let us take this message to America: If you like what we've done abroad, elect more Republicans and we'll do the same at home. //

We don't demagogue. We deliver. // We don't posture. We produce. With your support, we can produce a great victory for Republicans, and for America. //

Thank you for your prayers, and your help in the past. Together, let's do even more in the months ahead. Let's make 1992 a glorious year in economic / social / and foreign policy. How? By electing a Republican House and Senate -- by making 1992 a Republican year. // God bless you, and the United States of America.

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Let's talk about a few of the issues that separate Republicans from the other party. First, the economy. //

Americans want more growth / more jobs / more prosperity. We want to help those who have lost their jobs. We want to help them get new jobs -- better jobs. //

For months, I have pressed Congress to pass a growth package. But liberal Democrats like the old ways and old days. And they seem determined to delay / distort / and destroy our programs. For months they fiddled while recession loomed. Now, we have a recession -- and Democrats seem more interested in

playing the tired old game of class warfare than in appealing to people's abilities and ambitions.

Go to the industrial Midwest. They will tell you America deserves better than liberals who won't even permit a vote on our capital gains tax cut. / Travel to the small towns of Vermont. Ask if they think economic growth should be blocked by one-party control of Congress. / The liberals continue to demagogue on the economy -- exploiting people's misery in order to hustle a few votes. We waited two months for an unemployment insurance bill. Liberal leaders evidently believed that it made "good politics" to train a spotlight on people's misery, instead of stepping forward and helping them. They decided to foment economic insecurity and to foster animosity across race and income lines. America deserves better. //

Since 1956, Democrats have controlled the House. Because they have been unaccountable, they have become irresponsible. // Liberals don't seem to understand that Federal money is your money, not theirs. And they don't seem to believe that the law of the land also ought to apply to the lawmakers. // ((Everyone here knows that with all the pious talk by some Democrats on sexual harrassment -- the Senate, as that debate went on, had exempted itself from the very sexual harrassment laws everyone else had to live by?)) Well, they can't exempt themselves from responsibility -- and our chief duty now is to stop carping and start taking common-sense steps to get the economy moving.

Democrats have spent enough time stimulating economic fear. The American people deserve hope -- and action. //

I'll be more specific. Today, I challenge Congressional Democrats to pass our growth package: A cut in the capital gains tax rate, banking reform, personal savings incentives, the creation of a permanent R&D tax credit, and increased investment in science, technology, and infrastructure. //

To the fear-mongers in the House and Senate, I say: If you really care about fairness, think about this. Able, willing men and women want jobs -- but they don't have them because Congress thinks that prosperity might help the rich. They focus on creating enemies, rather than on creating jobs. Here's fairness: jobs for people who want to work, and tax rates that let them keep the lion's share of their hard-earned money. //

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Republicans know that prosperity comes not from the growth of government -- but from the growth of opportunity. When someone wants a job, they don't apply to George Mitchell. They rely on people who make a product, meet a payroll, and try to build toward greatness, one step at a time. So let's restore some common sense to economic policy -- and let's demand passage of our growth package.

You don't have to look far to understand that the American people want a change. They think something has gone rotten in Washington, and they're right. On important business, this town has shut down, and we can get it moving again only by electing Republican majorities to the House and Senate.

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The Democrats' stall strategy has gone on long enough. Think, for a moment, about Bob Gates. For four months, the Democratic Congress held up his nomination. //

Remember Clarence Thomas. He went through a living purgatory because he dared think for himself. But do you know what? There came a moment when he stopped pandering and talked about his beliefs. At that moment, his would-be Inquisitors just plain vanished -- looked down at their desks, tapped their fingers nervously. Congress tried to replace the policy of advise and consent with the politics of search and destroy. // But they learned the hard way that one tactic always wins: the truth -- plain, unrepentant, defiant. If we do one thing next year, let's restore civility and tolerance to American politics. Help me elect Republicans who will bring decency and fair play back to the United States Congress. //

Larry Lindsey remains a hostage to special interests on the Hill. Here we have important economic business to do, and liberal Democrats just want to stall -- even on a key appointment to the Federal Reserve Board. The liberal Democrats use the tired old device of the Senatorial hold -- and in the process they put our economy in a stranglehold.

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Most liberals never met a defense cut they didn't like. Remember all the talk about a "peace dividend?" If we had invested that dividend a year ago, the world would be at war.

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Now, they're at it again. They want me to ignore my own responsibilities in the area of foreign policy, as if Americans had no stake in the rest of the world -- as if this great melting pot of ours had no ties to our ancestral homes.

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Thank you for your prayers and your help. Together, let's do even more in the months ahead. Let's set off our own Revolution in 1992, and usher in the era of new ideas -- and real solutions. Let's make 1992 the Year of the Republican, so that we can kick off an Age of Opportunity. // Thank you. God bless you, and the United States of America.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1991

EXCERPTS OF REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT FUNDRAISER FOR SENATOR KIT BOND  
AND MISSOURI GOP

Riverport Amphitheater  
St. Louis, Missouri

November 13, 1991

I really enjoy coming here tonight to honor a bright star, a great member of the United States Senate, Kit Bond.

I first met him in 1968. He came over to our house for hamburgers. The next year he became Assistant Attorney General for the Consumer Protection Division.

Then, he was elected State Auditor and, at 33, your Governor -- the youngest in Missouri history -- finally, Junior Senator.

There's an old saying, "What goes around, comes around." In 1986, Kit Bond was elected to the United States Senate. The time has now come to send him back. Kit has a record to build upon -- not empty rhetoric to run upon. We hear a lot of political demagoguery from the other party, but it won't sell in Missouri. The motto here is Show-Me -- not Snow-Me.

Kit Bond knows what America needs. He listens to you and you tell him that you've had it with the tired old thinking by the committees, subcommittees, and entrenched Democrat leaders of Congress. America needs new thinking in Congress -- more people like Kit.

Kit and I have fundamental differences with liberal Democrats who control both houses of Congress. They want mandates. This means they want to pass more and more bills dictating to the States how to solve problems -- education programs, crime programs, health programs.

Some powerful, entrenched subcommittee chairmen want to dictate to John Ashcroft exactly how programs must be conducted if the State wishes to get Federal money. The National Governors, Democrats and Republicans, tell me the major problem they have is being saddled with more and more mandates. The Liberals don't seem to understand Federal money is your money. It's pretty revealing that while they have plenty of time to fine-tune your lives, they exempt themselves from laws they make everyone else obey. Did you know that with all the pious talk by some Democrats on sexual harassment the Senate, as that debate went on, had exempted itself from the same sexual harassment laws everyone else had to live by?

Republicans, on the other hand, think it's time the people felt that they had more control over their own lives when it comes to Federal programs. We want to enlarge personal dignity and push back the intrusions of impersonal government.

People matter to Kit Bond -- just as they do to us. That's why we want to do more than complain about the economy; we want to give it a good boost. As Senator, Kit Bond has backed our growth

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Cap. gains

initiatives: a cut in the capital gains tax, banking reform, personal savings incentives like IRA's to stimulate home buying, an R&D tax credit, more investment in science, technology, infrastructure, and education reform.

He supports the Council on Competitiveness, headed by Vice President Dan Quayle, which tries to free workers and businesses from red tape, regulations and mandates. People have better things to do than to report constantly to Uncle Sam. I might add the Council is doing a good job trying to get a recalcitrant Democrat Leadership to move on much needed tort reform. It's time to place caps on some those outrageous liability claims.

But while the people seek action, liberals in Congress hold press conferences, sell t-shirts, and sabotage our initiatives. Liberals refused to even permit a vote on our capital gains tax cut to propel the economy. They talk about fairness, but are intent on class warfare. It's funny how this war-cry "Soak the Rich" usually ends up taxing everyone more. Just in the last few months, I've listed 11 domestic agenda initiatives. All stymied in Congress.

Their agenda is to block America's agenda. So far they've succeeded. Worse, they've tried to lay the blame at my door and yours. Well, it's time to reject their propaganda and their excuses and demand some action. It's time to ensure that we elect a Republican Congress -- a Congress interested in serving you in 1992.

Domestic agenda? Let's talk more domestic agenda. On March 20, I submitted banking reform legislation to Congress. That was 238 days ago. No bill. On March 11, I sent Congress crime legislation. That was 247 days ago. No bill. On March 4, I sent energy legislation. That was 254 days ago -- no bill. On February 13, up went our transportation legislation. That was 273 days ago. You guessed it, no bill. On May 22, I sent Congress National Education Strategy legislation -- 175 days later, no bill.

I've held out my hand to Congress -- tried to work the Democrat leadership and I will continue to try. One reason: I believe our kids deserve the opportunity for a good education, and not just a dozen years of babysitting. We've got a great education program -- America 2000. Governor Ashcroft is working to bring this to Missouri. I ask you to help America's true interests -- our kids -- by electing men and women who will help shift power and choice out of the heavy hand of the Federal Government and into the hands that run the home and raise the family.

We have tried to restore peace to our streets, give people an opportunity to live free of fear. Let's elect a Congress which seeks to handcuff criminals -- not law officers. The Senate passed a good crime bill. But the Democrats in the House tried to undo much of it. One area where we have gotten bipartisan cooperation is on our National Drug Strategy. We launched a strategy to combat drugs and that has produced real results.

I believe we also need job-creating transportation legislation. Help me elect a Congress that knows that if we want to keep America on the rise, we must keep it on the move.

That brings me to international leadership and worldwide economic competition.

Some in Congress -- including some from Missouri -- pretend that trade and security and international cooperation don't help working men and women. Well, just tell that to the more than 40 million Americans working in jobs that involve importing or

exporting. Today, an estimated 75-100,000 Missouri jobs depend on exports. You know that military, economic, and political issues cross continents and borders. For instance, checking foreign protectionism means more American exports and more American jobs.

But some Democratic leaders in Congress seem to be sounding the sirens call of protectionism. The worst thing we can do is to pull back into some protectionist cocoon. The job loss would be staggering.

Progress demands that we accept our role in the world, and accept it eagerly, as a great people should. When a dictator threatened American lives, we helped the Panamanian people validate their free elections by kicking him out.

When a brutal tyrant invaded Kuwait, we helped roll back aggression and liberate a land. Was this victory foreign or domestic? Desert Storm made America a better place. I am proud of our troops: They made ours a better world.

As Communism crumbled, we made it clear that America will support those who promote democracy and free enterprise. Is democracy foreign or domestic policy?

Is it right to work with Gorbachev and Yeltsin for exciting peaceful change or is that neglecting my job? Is it historic and wonderful to bring the warring parties together to talk peace in the Middle East as we did at Madrid or is that neglect?

Today, we need leaders who know how industry in Missouri is linked to trade in Singapore. Kit Bond is such a man. He helped draft the 1990 Farm Bill, which has made America more competitive overseas.

He understands that military aircraft built in St. Louis can help keep the peace. He led the successful fight to make the F- and A-18 the Navy's carrier-based aircraft for the next decade.

Kit Bond believes in exports that work -- whether it is corn or soybeans or the sunshine of democracy. So do I. Last year, I was in Cartagena, Colombia. Why? To help take drugs off our streets.

Last week, I was in Rome and the Hague. Why? To work for peace at home and abroad, and to promote the cause of free and fair trade. Ask anyone charged with leadership -- not the cheap shots of demagoguery. When I go abroad, it's to help America at home in an economic sense and to help our kids live in a more peaceful world in the years ahead.

As we approach the 21st Century, let's remember: Isolationism makes no sense, never did. It represents an Old Ignorance scorned by Roosevelt, Truman, and Kennedy, and that all Presidents and the American people since have looked upon with disdain. I speak of the ignorance that inspires people to hide from the rest of the world -- wishing our problems away instead of creating solutions; it urges them to blame others rather than to call forth the best in ourselves.

Kit Bond's work embodies his motto, "Values we believe in, experience we trust." Let's make the most of these values. Let's use them to celebrate America and re-elect Kit Bond Senator from the great State of Missouri.

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Office of the Press Secretary  
(Dallas, Texas)

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November 1, 1991

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT BUSH-QUAYLE FUNDRAISER

Reunion Ballroom  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Dallas, Texas

8:46 P.M. CST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Ray Hunt, and thank all of you. Barbara and I are thrilled and delighted to be with you. And, Ray, thank you for your leadership on this dinner -- you and Perry Bass, and Elvis, and my dear friends, Bill and Rita Clements, the great Governor of this state. (Applause.) Phil Gramm and Tom Loeffler and all the chairmen and cochairmen, thank you for this fantastic welcome back home.

And I might say, if I don't get in trouble with the FEC -- that's the Federal Election Commission -- thank you for a wonderful send-off. I am grateful to each and every one of you. And Phil put it pretty well -- I do feel a lot of love in this room, a lot of friendship. And I don't care if you're starting out in Midland or Odessa, as Bar and I did in 1948, or whether you come up through the precincts in Houston, Texas, or run with the support of friends statewide with a spectacular lack of success for the Senate in 1964 and '70 -- you couldn't make it without friends. You couldn't make it without people who care. And we have been blessed in our life by the friendships from the people of this state, and we will never, ever forget how we got this opportunity to serve our country.

And it's the greatest time in history to be President of the United States, and I'm grateful to each and every one of you. (Applause.)

And I'm very proud of our statewide political team. I mentioned Bill Clements. I must say I wish you were in Austin right now -- I shouldn't wish that on anybody, but -- (laughter) -- we miss him badly. And I miss his counsel as Governor, and his leadership.

But I salute our State Chairman Fred Meyer, who is doing a superb job. And he's working hard to see that we get a fair shake in redistricting, I might add. (Applause.) And then, of course, our statewide officer holders, my dear and old friend, Kay Bailey Hutchison, and Rick Perry, who did the Lord's work by getting selected to Commissioner of Agriculture. (Laughter.)

Reverend Benton, thank you. And to this magnificent music -- I don't know how to begin to say thank you to the Texas Boys Choir, to the Vocal Majority, University of North Texas Band -- you are magnificent, and thank you all for this very special treat. (Applause.)

And I debated what to talk about -- really, we're here to talk about America's bright hopes for the future -- a future that really is built on special values that we've always held dear. These values are special to Texas -- a commitment to economic growth, a steadfast respect for the individual, a proud determination to carry faith in democracy to the rest of the world.

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Phil Gramm knows what I'm talking about. So do thousands of other Texans -- millions of Americans. We have an extraordinary opportunity before us. Together we can cement the gains that Phil talked about, that Ray talked about. We can build on those gains. And let me tell you why. I think we can build on them not only in foreign affairs, but I think we can build on them domestically, and the reason is I really believe that the values we all share are right for the United States. The program that I have is right for the United States. And we've got a slight problem: we've got too darn many liberal Democrats controlling every House of the United States Congress, every committee, every subcommittee, and they can't think of one new idea. All they can try to do is block my domestic agenda.

And that's what I want to talk to you tonight about -- we need your help in making some of these changes. (Applause.)

Frankly, we believe that government should ease the burdens on the people. And we believe that for a fundamental reason. We believe that because we have an abiding faith in the communities, in the neighborhoods, in the people themselves. And we understand that when we talk about issues, what we're really talking about are human values; we're talking about people. For example, too often we talk of the economy as if it were something dry and technical, rather than what it really is: the lifeblood of the American Dream.

Years ago I learned that economics focuses mostly on people, not on numbers. And I do remember those early days in Odessa, 1948, and then Midland right after that. Then your word was your bond. You shook hands with a guy on an oil deal, Perry, and it kept, it took. That's all you needed. You didn't need 25,000 lawyers drawing up escrow agreements. You had the values out there. (Applause.)

The neighborhood meant something. The strength of family was strong and meant something. And as Ray touched on it and this music, said faith was terribly, terribly important. You chose your schools, taught people without being afraid of it -- to say The Pledge of Allegiance or to express their patriotism.

Now, it doesn't take long for anyone to understand that the great strength of our country is in the neighborhoods and in the cities and in the towns and, yes, in the family and in our churches and synagogues. It is not shielded and isolated in subcommittees on Capitol Hill. Not by a long shot. It is in the neighborhoods and the families of West Texas and Dallas and Houston and South Texas and the Panhandle and Waco and wherever. It's a strength that comes from a simple source -- freedom. Let the liberal Democrats then pursue these programs that enlarge government, that dictate to every single community by mandated benefits how you're going to run your schools if you want that federal money -- that's your money. If you want that federal money you have to live by code A, B, C, or D. And you have to have 25 regulators coming into be sure that you live by the mandate set by a subcommittee chairman that's been in office 30 years. That's not good enough for America, and I want to change this Congress. (Applause.)

The problem is in the Congress of the United States on the liberal Democrats that control it. And I have been a javelin catcher too long up there. I have been kind and I have been gentle and I have tried to work with these guys that control the Congress -- the liberals on one side -- and I'm tired of it. And I can't wait to be a candidate, when I decide to be one -- (laughter) -- and take this to the American people. (Applause.) They are tired of it; they are sick and tired of it. (Applause.)

I'll tell you something: They say no domestic agenda. They've got a domestic agenda, and that's blocking my domestic agenda. Those old guys who control those subcommittees haven't had a

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new idea in the 30 years they've been there. (Laughter.) And it's time to change it. And I mean it.

Why do you think the American people are so excited about term limitations? They've wised up. They understand it. And I'm going to fight for that, too, all next year. (Applause.) It only seems fair. I've got to limit my term, why shouldn't they limit their term? (Laughter.) Fair play.

Let's talk about a growth package. I've been pressing the Congress for a real growth package. It started in my first State of the Union, second State of the Union, third State of the Union. Let me just give you my views on what, if we had more decent-thinking people in the Congress like Phil Gramm, what we could do to help the economy.

There are some people hurting in this country and they're hurting bad. And their families can't make ends meet. And some people are getting put out of work. And they need a growth package that's going to creat jobs. And I've called for the things that I believe would help, and they've been opposed day in and day out by the liberals that control the United States Congress.

One of them, let them call it a tax break for the rich. I will bear, as I said last night in Houston, all the political burden that they can heap upon me for calling a capital gains cut a tax for the rich. It is a jobs creator. It is an entrepreneurship bill. We can get more jobs and more businesses going by a capital gains differential than any other single thing. So call it what you want to, but give it a try. The American people want it. It shows up in the polls, and they ought to have it. And they don't have it because the Democrats want to make political hay instead of putting this country back to work through new jobs created by small business. (Applause.)

We've got to increase our savings base in this country, and that's why I've pushed for incentives like IRAs. Particularly those that can stimulate the housing business. And that's all caught up in an old thinking of the leadership of the United States Congress. I've called for the creation of a permanent R&D tax credit -- research and development -- so we can retain the cutting edge that we have in technology. And it's absolutely essential. Not a short-run boost to the economy, but something long-run that is going to guarantee our competitiveness around the world. And that means jobs.

I want to see more investment in science and technology to keep us ahead of the curve in world competition. I want to see us do more in cutting needless government red tape that frustrates innovation and efficiency. And instead of that, the Congress comes out with more and more regulations. And thank God we've got a good Vice President up there that's trying to cut through them and lift the regulatory burden on the small businessmen of this country. (Applause.)

Jobs -- we need jobs. I'll tell you a job intensive improvement bill, and that's the transportation bill. My State of the Union message, I said to the Congress, I need two pieces of legislation -- we've got plenty that we need. We need to do more on education. We need to do more on these economic incentives. But give me a crime bill and give me a transportation bill in 100 days. It is now 242 days, and I haven't had either one of them on my desk.

A transportation bill would put a lot of Americans to work and put them to work fast. And we need it; our infrastructure needs it. And yet, we've got people that are haggling up there, moving the previous question, seconding the motion -- going about all this parliamentary gobbledy-gook when the American people want action. And you give me a senate controlled by people like Phil

Gramm and you'll get plenty of quick action, and it will be sensible and it will keep the taxpayers' interest in mind. (Applause.)

I've told you why this economy hasn't gotten the kind of shot in the arm we need. In short, one party has controlled both Houses of the Congress far too long. We did control the Senate when President Reagan came in, and you can take the offense. He took his case to the people. He said, here's what I want to do -- A, B, and C. And at least in the Senate you could begin to move the process. You could get your ideas tried.

Today I pointed out these things, and they aren't even willing to try them. The only way I have gotten some good legislation passed is to veto bad legislation and make clear to this Congress I am not going to pass any more of your bad legislation. Now, if you want to compromise, fine. But I am not going to accept it the way you send it down because the people elected me to go forward with these ideas, and you ought to give our ideas a chance. And I'm not going to change, I don't care what title they have on it. (Applause.)

You've heard the question, why does the President seem to have successes in foreign affairs, difficulty in domestic affairs? The answer is a cinch. (Laughter.) It's very, very clear. If I had had to get Ted Kennedy's approval to move General Schwarzkopf to the Persian Gulf, Saddam Hussein would be in Saudi Arabia and Schwarzkopf would have been in Florida still. That's the difference. (Applause.) And that's a fact. And the American people know it's a fact.

It's not a political statement; that is a fact. (Laughter.) You just look at the record on those things. (Laughter.) Suppose I had to call up the subcommittee chairman of the Armed Forces Subcommittee on Latin America and say, hey, do you think we ought to take a drug dealer out and save the lives of Americans and get Noriega out and give democracy a chance in Panama? They'd still be moving the previous question, asking some parliamentary order -- Mr. President, can I speak now?

We do it because you have the power -- the national security responsibility and the presidency. And that's clear and the American people know it's clear.

The other night I was in Madrid -- maybe still on Madrid time. I feel a little groggy here. But the other night I was in Madrid. I think we've done something great. We've got a great Texas Secretary of State in Jim Baker who is working his heart out for peace -- (applause.) And we've done something that the most cynical believed we could never do. Because of the new profound strength of the United States and prestige, frankly, of the United States around the world, as a result of Desert Storm, we were able to bring warring factions together -- as Phil said, people who have been at war for thousands of years to at least talk. To come together under the same roof in Madrid and to begin to at least talk about peace.

I don't know what's going to happen in that. I don't know how successful we're going to be. But it was success to just bring those parties together. And it was hard work. And you had to stand up against the skeptics and you take -- challenge old shibboleths and you had to go forward and try the most complicated diplomacy. And whether it succeeds or not, it's worth the candle -- it's worth the effort.

And I'm over there, I'm dead tired, I flip on CNN, which was in my bedroom there in the Embassy in Madrid. And I hear the Assistant Democrat leader of the House demonstrating his interest in the domestic agenda, criticizing the President of the United States for being in Madrid and trying to bring about peace between these warring factions. I'm sorry, I don't care what this little man

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thinks. I'm going to keep on leading and try to do my best for the United States of America -- (applause) -- and peace for his kids and for my kids. (Applause.)

Let him carp. Let him criticize. It's not going to get to me one bit, because I'm going to take my case to the American people -- I think, if I decide to become a candidate for President of the United States. (Laughter.)

The Democratic leaders in the Senate -- they won't permit a straight up and down vote on capital gains. More of them are beginning to talk about it. I have key economic appointments to the Federal Reserve Board -- been sitting there -- one of them, Bob Clark, a Texan for comptroller. That nomination has been up there for nine months. We have two directors of the Fed, Federal Reserve Board -- the Fed. We've got some problems there. We need the best minds we can have there. And yet, they're blocking these two nominations.

My suggestion to them is do the people's business. If you don't want the people I have up there, send them back. Say you won't approve it. But don't let everybody sit in limbo. And the Senate ought to reform itself and stop putting holds on nominees. Consider them. Advise, consent, but don't just sit there doing nothing when we need good people on the Fed. (Applause.)

I think the American people know that I've tried to reach out. I've tried the kinder and gentler approach, and I'm going to keep on because I want to see some good -- might not sound like it tonight -- (laughter) -- but I'm going to keep on because I really believe that you can get something done. And we have. We've gotten some good -- a good legislation through in a compromised way. And sometimes when I beat back their bad legislation we come together and get reasonable legislation done.

But let me give you an example on what's going on on that one. There are some Americans that have had their benefits run out for unemployment. They're hurting. Their families are hurting. I don't care whether you're Republican or liberal or conservative or Democrat -- whatever you are. When somebody in America is hurting like that you've got to try to do something about it. You've got to care. You've got to feel a sense of compassion for those that are hurting in this country -- and there are plenty, unfortunately.

So I'd like to see an extended benefits check go out to these people. And I've told the Congress what I want. What I want is a bill that will extend these benefits -- do it on a temporary basis. We're not going to mandate some whole new program there. Take care of those that are hurting now and get the economy moving so they won't be hurting in the future. Take care of them and get those benefit checks out, but do it without burdening everybody that's working in this country. All those that are not working that are paying taxes.

Do it within the budget agreement with the caps on spending is the only control that the taxpayers have over the reckless spending of the Democrats that control the Congress. Do it in a way to protect the taxpayer and still demonstrate the compassion that we feel for these people. And they'd rather, as I said last night -- I used an unfortunate analogy. I said they were trying to stick it up my ear. (Laughter.) Let me try to rephrase that for you. (Laughter.) No, what they're doing -- what they're doing is trying to make political capital while these people are hurting out there.

I hate to tell you, but I read in the paper this morning that the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, who, yesterday, compared me to Herbert Hoover, wants to get his people to vote one more time so I'll have to veto one more time so he can then go to, in

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a demagogic fashion to the American people one more time to say that I'm against those people that are out of work. And, fortunately, it appears that the other Democratic leaders are much more interested in helping the people that need help and coming together with me to get a deal that will extend these unemployment benefits in the way I've told you I want it done.

And I don't care what the Majority Leader of the Senate thinks about my performance or what he thinks about that he can embarrass me into doing. If he sends me down a bill that's going to bust this budget agreement, I'm going to veto it and send it right back, and get some legislation that is good for these people and good for the taxpayer. (Applause.)

I've been three years in this job now, and I've never criticized the Majority Leader before. But he is not going to dish it out and then be unable to take it. I refuse to catch his javelins anymore. I'm going to throw them right back because I've got the truth on my side. (Applause.)

And let me just say on other bills -- I am going to bust -- veto. I'm not going to worry about it. Any bill that busts this budget agreement, that increases the outrageous deficit that we are laying on your kids and my grandchildren -- we've gone too far. And we have in place constraints on spending. Every day, you find some new dire emergency, they call it, to bail out some special program. And I'm going to hold the line because that is the only protection that all the American people have against reckless spending that is dry-mortgaging the future of our grandchildren and our children. (Applause.)

Let me say that I am pleased when we do get cooperative work with the Congress. I don't want to say we never do. We can get a crime bill. We can get one that says to every guy that's patrolling the drug areas in Dallas, every policeman: We're with you. We're going to help you. We're going to get you exclusionary rule reform, or habeas corpus reform. And we're going to have a death penalty for those that kill police officers, and it's going to be prompt and fair. The problem is, we've got a good bill out of the Senate, and now we've got these same subcommittee old thinkers in the House trying to block it.

I believe we can get a decent crime bill. I believe we can get a decent transportation bill. Unfortunately, today the extremes blocked a bipartisan energy bill. Bennett Johnson, a Democrat; Malcolm Wallop, a Republican, have a decent bill, and it was blocked by some parliamentary procedure up there, because they're worrying about the caribou in Alaska when I'm worrying about jobs for the American people. I'll go with the people; let them go with the caribou. (Applause.)

Bipartisanship -- we've got something going in education. We've got a great Secretary of Education. He's got a great deputy in David Kearns. We're working with the Democrats. We're going around those subcommittee chairmen. We're working with Democratic governors and Republican governors on this program America 2000. It's good. It revolutionizes education, moves our people up. Gives families a choice of where they want their kids to go to school.

And if we can somehow manage to keep that program out of those subcommittees I'm talking about, we can really offer our children a brighter future, and I want to be a part of that. I want to see that succeed. And I believe we can do it.

The liberal Democrats -- they've got one formula: Spend a little more money. Do you know what the figures are in education? We spent \$190 billion on education, total, around '80 or '81, and it's now up to \$400 billion. And their answer is, hey, you cut out

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\$2 billion here, or you didn't add this or that. That's not the point. You've got to revolutionize these schools. You've got to think anew, as Lincoln said. You've got to start over. And that's exactly what we're trying to do.

I have one other thing about the Congress I'd like to bring up here to see if I can generate any support. I have an old-fashioned feeling that Congress ought not to exempt itself from the laws it makes others comply with. (Applause.) I don't know whether that makes any sense or not.

The Equal Pay Act of 1963, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. I don't know whether you were glued to your TV when the Clarence Thomas hearings were on. We heard a lot about sexual harassment. But did you know -- did you know the liberals that control this Congress have seen to it that Congress exempted itself from the sexual harassment laws at the same time they were piously lecturing the rest of the country?

I think the American people want Congress to comply with the same laws that you and I have to live with. (Applause.)

And the last point -- and this is the last one -- I really do believe that there is an interaction between foreign policy and domestic policy. Somebody mentioned -- either Phil or Ray mentioned the Free Trade Agreement with Canada. Yes, I go down to Mexico, and yes, I deal with their marvelous new President, Carlos Salinas. And yes, we're working, spending a fair amount of time trying to get that done. But that's not foreign policy per se. That's a better border for Texas. That's a better environment along our border. That's more jobs for Americans. And I'm going to keep right on working with President Salinas until we can get this historic Free Trade Agreement through. And the same with Canada. (Applause.)

When I meet with Mr. Gorbachev, as I did Monday night, okay, you say, that's foreign policy. I think it is in the interest of every child and every school in Dallas that this marvelous, majestic move towards privatization and market economy succeed. And it is in the interest of every kid in this country that this revolution that's taken place in the Soviet Union be successful. And it is only the United States of America that's strong enough, knowledgeable enough, believes enough to see it happen.

Ask Bob Moshbacher. What a job he has done taking technology over there and business expertise to the Soviet Union. And so let them carp, criticize all they want. Let them make their political brownie points. I am glad that our chance for peace has been enhanced and our chance for trade will be enhanced much more if we are successful in working with these new leaders in the Soviet Union and in the republics. (Applause.)

I'm very proud of our country, and I am not negative about our country. Frustrated at times with the Congress? Yes. Willing to take my case to the American people? Absolutely. Willing to reach out my hand, as I have over and over again to the Democrats that control Congress? Yes, I'm going to keep right on trying. Because I want some things done, and the only way I can get them done under the status quo is to reach out.

But let me tell you this: Next year, I am going to go to the American people as clearly as I can. I'm going to put my record on the line -- shortcomings, and, hopefully, the people will think maybe the progress has outweighed the shortcomings, and say, here's where I'm coming from. Here's the kind of help I need and that a man like Phil Gramm needs in the United States Congress.

We believe in these same values today in 1991 that I believed in, in Odessa that I mentioned in 1948: Neighborhood, family, freedom of individuals to make the choice on where their kids go and how we lead our lives, the importance of faith in our lives.



I'm not embarrassed to stand up and salute the flag. I'm proud of it. And America is proud of it again, because of the way our kids behaved in Desert Storm.

And I want to take this message: Foreign policy, domestic policy successes we've had, and then those initiatives that need to be performed on. And there's plenty of them. But we're going to need your help, and you've given us a wonderful sendoff by this dinner here tonight. But we're going to need your help at the polls; we're going to need your help to see that our great Texas officers have more support in the elections that lie ahead. And we're going to need your support in working to help me change -- change the character of this Congress so that your values and the values of Congress will be hand-in-hand and will be compatible.

I can tell you I never thought I'd look forward to another campaign. I thought I was getting a little too tired for that. And I'm ready. I'm ready because I believe there's so much at stake in this country, and I believe I'm blessed with a wonderful wife who absolutely has enraptured this country because they see in her something strong and decent. (Applause.) And you've given us your support -- you've given us your support. And I'm going to do what my mother told me to do: Do your best, try your hardest, be a decent guy in the process, but work your heart out for what you believe in. You've helped me do that.

Thank you all, and may God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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Thank you, Lou [Gerstner, CEO, RJR Nabisco], for those kind words. // To paraphrase John F. Kennedy, I'm touched at this warm reception -- but not half as touched as all of you have been. //

My thanks to all of you for your strong support. [Introductory acknowledgements.] Let me congratulate all of you who made November 5th such a great day for the New York GOP -- and across the river, the Jersey GOP's clean sweep. You know, Jim Florio said this election was a referendum on the Bush Administration. For once, Jim Florio was right. ///

Finally, let me thank one key player who's back in Washington today: Vice President Dan Quayle. // For nearly three years now, he's served this nation well -- as an advocate for economic growth and sound policy at home, as an ambassador for American interests abroad. He's even squared off with the ABA. I'm pleased and privileged to have him by my side. //

Just before I came on stage, Guy Molinari was pressing me -- as people often do at this kind of event -- to make **this** the day I make a special announcement. / Well, today, I do have an announcement to make: // Guy -- your car is double parked. //

I also have a special announcement from the Governor of New York. You'll recall he said he'd be making a big decision before Thanksgiving. Well, he has made that decision -- and I quote: The crushed cranberries are better than the jellied sauce. ///

I feel blessed to have the opportunity to serve this country at such an exciting moment in history -- a moment when America and the ideals we stand for have celebrated a string of successes around the world. //

In the world beyond our shores, we've grown accustomed to the dizzying pace of change. Yet here at home, we're stumbling along, stuck with a Congress that's out of step with the times -- out of touch with the American people. A Congress that's pushing the same tired old liberal agenda to a nation hungry for change. //

This fall, the American people have seen Congress in living color. They've seen Congress' inability to act, when Americans demand action. They've seen its endless appetite for side-shows and sleaze -- its addiction to perks and privileges. The American people have seen "their tax dollars at work" -- and poll after poll tells us, when it comes to Congress, the American people aren't feeling very kind and gentle. //

It shouldn't surprise anyone that the liberals that control the Congress tell a different story. They claim they can't act because we don't have an agenda. You don't hear much about the Democratic agenda, for good reason. The agenda of the liberal leadership is simply this: take whatever legislation we send up

-- and knock it down. Bury it deep in some obscure subcommittee, and swear they never saw it.

Yes, we've had some successes -- times when enough enlightened members of the opposition worked with us to pass sound legislation. We can be proud of the Clean Air amendments, which for the first time enlist market mechanisms in service to the environment. We should champion our child care bill. The Democrats wanted to warehouse our kids in a brave new child care bureaucracy, but we put choice in the hands of parents. And yes, we should celebrate landmark civil rights legislation like the American With Disabilities Act -- a covenant to bring this country's 43 million disabled citizens into the American mainstream. [[Civil Rights Bill?]] //

But these successes can't obscure the fact that the rest of our agenda's still stuck in the maze -- mugged by a party leadership locked into the tired old liberal mindset.

These days, the Democrat-controlled Congress doesn't want to act unless it's to expand the powers of government, so that some subcommittee chairman -- worse yet, some young Congressional staffer -- lays down another mandate on the American people.

Meanwhile, Capitol Hill lives in a loophole of its own making: time after time Congress exempts itself from laws all other Americans must live by. // The time has come for those who make the laws to live by the laws. //

And if Congress doesn't heed the will of the people, people may just do a little legislating of their own: set term limits to curb career Congressmen. //

Let's get Congress back into the hands of the party that puts the interests of the American people first and foremost. Put Republicans in charge -- for a change. //

The American people are tired of double-standards and double-talk. The American people want action: action to get this economy growing again. // People are hurting -- hurting here in New York and all across the country: Families trying to make ends meet, proud Americans trying to keep their dignity when they've lost their job. I don't know any American who sees this happening who doesn't feel a tug -- who doesn't want to reach out and help.

The liberals see this as a question of lost jobs. Their "solution" comes in the form of a government check. We see it another way: as a matter of lost opportunity -- as a chance to recapture dignity in the form of a paycheck. // In short, we see the answer to unemployment as economic growth.

Three times in three years I've called on Congress to enact strong economic growth initiatives. Three times in three years the leadership on the Hill sent those initiatives into liberal limbo. // New initiatives to increase saving and investment; increase federal funds for R&D; enterprise zones to spawn a new generation of urban entrepreneurs in our inner cities -- a

capital gains tax cut, to unleash investment and get our economy booming again. //

Two years ago, in November 1989, we came close on capital gains. A majority in both the Senate and the House passed a package containing a capital gains tax cut. It took a last minute parliamentary maneuver by Senator Mitchell to block passage. / Well, Senator Mitchell got his political victory -- and America got a recession. //

I'll make a deal with the Democrats: give me a cut in cap gains -- let the liberals call it a tax cut for the rich. I'll take the political heat. // In short order, we'd all see that cutting capital gains would help put America back to work, stimulate growth, generate more jobs -- and ultimately bring in more tax revenue than it costs. //

You know, I've argued over and over that a capital gains cut will help the economy -- but it's all fallen on deaf ears. I've talked about how it would create growth and opportunity and jobs. Maybe I can put it in language the liberals will understand: a cut in capital gains will generate more taxpayers. //

The tired old liberal leadership hasn't noticed that the world has passed them by. / Look at the way the liberals talk about foreign policy. // Since I took the oath of office, this Nation has been called on to meet one challenge after another: from Eastern Europe to Panama to the Persian Gulf. Each time, America answered the call. Each time, America advanced the cause of freedom. And because we did, America stands today as the

world's preeminent power -- economic and political, military and moral. //

And still we hear Secretary of State Ted Kennedy -- asking: why does the President spend so much time on foreign policy? //

I don't care what the second-guessers on Capitol Hill have to say: I will never apologize for a single minute I devote to defending America's interests abroad. //

Listen to the liberals, and you'd think we were back in the 19th Century -- isolated from the rest of the world by two oceans. While the liberals live in the last century -- we've got to prepare for the next. In our world -- the real world -- those tired old labels of "foreign" and "domestic" are outdated, behind the times.

Think about a problem plaguing this city. When I convene a drug summit in Cartagena, Colombia to stop the tidal wave of crack before it hits the streets of New York -- is that foreign or domestic?

Think about the global economy. Liberals act as if the "global marketplace" is off in Asia or Europe, when it's really all around us. Consider this: Every additional billion dollars in new trade means 20,000 new American jobs. So when I fight for free and fair trade in Latin America or East Asia or to the European Community -- is that foreign policy or domestic? //

As you know, I've postponed the trip I'd planned to East Asia. As important as it is to push for freer trade and open markets in Japan, Korea and Australia -- when I learned Congress

might stay in session past the Thanksgiving recess, I thought I'd better change my plans. I owe it to the American taxpayer to make sure Congress never stays home alone.

{{I challenge Congress to stay in session until [date]....}}

Democrats control both houses. It's time to get down to business. Don't keep the American people waiting: take a stand with law-abiding Americans, with the victims of violent crime. Send me a tough crime bill I can sign. // Quit piling on the pork, and pass a responsible transportation bill that puts Americans to work improving our roads. {{Send me a solid economic growth package -- keep the lights burning late if you have to -- but don't leave town until you do the job. //}}

Let me focus for a moment on one especially urgent piece of legislation: extending unemployment benefits. / We had a deal -- a deal signed and sealed by every member of the Democratic leadership, except George Mitchell. He had a choice: pass a bill, and get benefits into the hands of people who need them now -- or stretch things out, send up another version he knows I'll veto, just to score a few more political points. Democratic leaders know I've been ready since August to sign an extension. But Senator Mitchell chose to play politics -- and because he did, unemployed Americans are waiting weeks and months for the benefits they need right now. Hundreds of thousands of unemployed Americans and their families: held hostage by one Senator. That's obscene -- and it must stop. //

You might remember when I prodded Congress about an out-dated practice when one Senator puts a "hold" on a nominee. Well, it's more than out-dated: its just plain outrageous for one Senator to put a "hold" on helping people who are hurting.

I believe the American people are ready to move in a new direction. Everyone knows we've got real problems. But they're tired of hearing the old liberal litany -- tired of so-called leaders who never weary of saying what's wrong with America. // That's not our America. That's not the America that's envied the world over -- the America we know is right and decent and good. / Americans want leadership: they want someone who shares their faith, someone who will summon up the best in the American spirit to shape a new American century -- a new American destiny. //

That's our vision -- our mission in the year ahead. It starts right here, with all of you -- and with your support we will succeed. // Thank you -- and may God bless the United States of America.

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AT THIS WARM RECEPTION -- BUT NOT HALF AS TOUCHED AS  
ALL OF YOU HAVE BEEN. // RABBI MILTON BALKANY, WHO  
OFFERED TODAY'S INSPIRING INVOCATION AS WELL AS THE  
HARLEM BOYS CHOIR; SENATOR AL D'AMATO; BOBBY HOLT --  
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**MY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR STRONG SUPPORT. //  
LET ME CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU WHO MADE NOVEMBER 5TH  
SUCH A GREAT DAY FOR THE NEW YORK GOP -- AND ACROSS THE  
RIVER, THE JERSEY GOP'S CLEAN SWEEP. YOU KNOW, JIM  
FLORIO SAID THIS NEW JERSEY ELECTION WAS A REFERENDUM  
ON THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION. FOR ONCE, JIM FLORIO WAS  
RIGHT. ///**

**FINALLY, LET ME THANK ONE KEY PLAYER WHO'S BACK IN  
WASHINGTON TODAY: VICE PRESIDENT DAN QUAYLE. //**

FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS NOW, HE'S SERVED THIS NATION WELL -- AS AN ADVOCATE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOUND POLICY AT HOME, AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR AMERICAN INTERESTS ABROAD. HE'S EVEN SQUARED OFF WITH THE ABA -- QUAYLE 21, LAWYERS 0. / HE'S DOING A GREAT JOB. //

[[JUST BEFORE I CAME ON STAGE, BILL POWERS WAS PRESSING ME -- AS PEOPLE OFTEN DO AT THIS KIND OF EVENT -- TO MAKE THIS THE DAY I MAKE A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

WELL, TODAY, I DO HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE: //  
BILL -- YOUR CAR IS DOUBLE PARKED. ]]

I FEEL BLESSED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THIS COUNTRY AT SUCH AN EXCITING MOMENT IN HISTORY -- A MOMENT WHEN AMERICA AND THE IDEALS WE STAND FOR HAVE CELEBRATED A STRING OF SUCCESSES AROUND THE WORLD. //

IN THE WORLD BEYOND OUR SHORES, WE'VE GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO THE DIZZYING PACE OF CHANGE.

YET HERE AT HOME, WE'VE GOT A CONGRESS THAT'S OUT OF STEP WITH THE TIMES -- OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. A CONGRESS THAT'S PUSHING THE SAME TIRED OLD LIBERAL AGENDA TO A NATION HUNGRY FOR CHANGE. //

THIS FALL, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE SEEN CONGRESS UP CLOSE. THEY'VE SEEN CONGRESS' INABILITY TO ACT, WHEN AMERICANS DEMAND ACTION. THEY'VE SEEN ITS ENDLESS APPETITE FOR SIDE-SHOWS AND SLEAZE -- ITS ADDICTION TO PERKS AND PRIVILEGES.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE SEEN "THEIR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK" -- AND I'VE GOT THE FEELING THAT, WHEN IT COMES TO CONGRESS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AREN'T FEELING VERY KIND AND GENTLE. //

IT SHOULDN'T SURPRISE ANYONE THAT THE LIBERALS THAT CONTROL THE CONGRESS TELL A DIFFERENT STORY. THEY CLAIM THEY CAN'T ACT BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE AN AGENDA. YOU DON'T HEAR MUCH ABOUT THE DEMOCRATIC AGENDA, FOR GOOD REASON.

THE AGENDA OF THE LIBERAL LEADERSHIP IS SIMPLY THIS: TAKE WHATEVER LEGISLATION WE SEND UP -- AND KNOCK IT DOWN. BURY IT DEEP IN SOME OBSCURE SUBCOMMITTEE, AND SWEAR THEY NEVER SAW IT.

I KNOW IT'S A TWO-WAY STREET. I'VE TRIED TO WORK WITH CONGRESS -- REACH OUT, DEAL IN GOOD FAITH. YES, THE POLITICAL SEASON IS ON, AND THE RHETORIC IS HEATING UP.

BUT I'LL KEEP TRYING TO WORK WITH CONGRESS -- PUT THE POLITICS ASIDE WHENEVER POSSIBLE -- BECAUSE THE COUNTRY'S BUSINESS MUST COME FIRST. //

WE'VE HAD SOME SUCCESSSES -- TIMES WHEN ENOUGH ENLIGHTENED MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION WORKED WITH US TO PASS SOUND LEGISLATION. WE CAN BE PROUD OF THE CLEAN AIR AMENDMENTS, WHICH FOR THE FIRST TIME ENLIST MARKET MECHANISMS IN SERVICE TO THE ENVIRONMENT. WE SHOULD CHAMPION OUR CHILD CARE BILL.

THE DEMOCRATS WANTED TO WAREHOUSE OUR KIDS IN A BRAVE NEW CHILD CARE BUREAUCRACY, BUT WE PUT CHOICE IN THE HANDS OF PARENTS. AND YES, WE SHOULD CELEBRATE LANDMARK CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION LIKE THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT -- A COVENANT TO BRING THIS COUNTRY'S 43 MILLION DISABLED CITIZENS INTO THE AMERICAN MAINSTREAM. // AND NOW -- HAVING DRAWN THE LINE AGAINST THE DEMOCRATS' QUOTAS APPROACH -- I WILL SOON SIGN A CIVIL RIGHTS BILL WORTHY OF THE NAME:

A BILL THAT PASSED BOTH HOUSES WITH OVERWHELMING SUPPORT. THIS BILL IS A VICTORY FOR EVERYONE WHO STANDS FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND STANDS AGAINST QUOTAS. //

BUT THESE SUCCESSES CAN'T OBSCURE THE FACT THAT THE REST OF OUR AGENDA'S STILL STUCK IN THE MAZE -- MUGGED BY A PARTY LEADERSHIP LOCKED INTO THE TIRED OLD LIBERAL MINDSET. TAKE A LOOK AT OUR TRANSPORTATION BILL -- A JOB-INTENSIVE BILL THAT PUTS AMERICANS TO WORK IMPROVING OUR ROADS.

I CHALLENGED CONGRESS TO PASS THAT BILL ALONG WITH OUR COMPREHENSIVE CRIME PACKAGE IN 100 DAYS LAST MARCH. THE HUNDRED DAYS CAME AND WENT BACK IN JUNE. NOW IT LOOKS LIKE WE WON'T SEE EITHER ONE UNTIL JANUARY. //

THESE DAYS, THE DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED CONGRESS DOESN'T WANT TO ACT UNLESS IT'S TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF GOVERNMENT, SO THAT SOME SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN -- WORSE YET, SOME YOUNG CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER -- LAYS DOWN ANOTHER MANDATE ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

MEANWHILE, CAPITOL HILL LIVES IN A LOOPHOLE OF ITS OWN MAKING: TIME AFTER TIME CONGRESS EXEMPTS ITSELF FROM LAWS ALL OTHER AMERICANS MUST LIVE BY. // WITH ALL THE RIGHTEOUS STATEMENTS BY THE SENATORS BEATING UP ON CLARENCE THOMAS -- YOU WOULDN'T KNOW THAT CONGRESS HAD EXEMPTED ITSELF FROM THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT STATUTES THAT GOVERN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND PRIVATE EMPLOYERS. AND THAT'S JUST ONE OF MORE THAN A DOZEN LAWS THAT CONGRESS DOESN'T APPLY TO ITSELF. //

THE TIME HAS COME FOR THOSE WHO MAKE THE LAWS TO LIVE BY THE LAWS. //

AND IF THE DEMOCRATS WHO CONTROL THE CONGRESS DON'T HEED THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE -- PEOPLE MAY JUST DO A LITTLE LEGISLATING OF THEIR OWN: SET TERM LIMITS TO CURB CAREER CONGRESSMEN. //

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF DOUBLE-STANDARDS AND DOUBLE-TALK. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT ACTION: ACTION TO GET THIS ECONOMY GROWING AGAIN. //

RIGHT NOW, SIGNALS ARE MIXED. WE'VE SEEN STEADY IF SLOW 3RD QUARTER GROWTH. INFLATION NUMBERS ARE GOOD -- THANKFULLY, BECAUSE HIGH INFLATION IS A "STEALTH TAX" THAT HITS EVERY AMERICAN RIGHT IN THE POCKETBOOK. INTEREST RATES ARE AT A HISTORIC LOW -- AND I'M CONVINCED WE'LL SOON SEE THESE LOW RATES KICK IN AND BOOST CONSUMER CONFIDENCE.

BUT PEOPLE ARE HURTING -- HURTING HERE IN NEW YORK AND ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY:

FAMILIES TRYING TO MAKE ENDS MEET, PROUD AMERICANS TRYING TO KEEP THEIR DIGNITY WHEN THEY'VE LOST THEIR JOBS. I DON'T KNOW ANY AMERICAN WHO SEES THIS HAPPENING WHO DOESN'T FEEL A TUG -- WHO DOESN'T WANT TO REACH OUT AND HELP.

THE LIBERALS SEE THIS AS A QUESTION OF LOST JOBS. THEIR "SOLUTION" COMES IN THE FORM OF A GOVERNMENT CHECK.

WE SEE IT ANOTHER WAY: AS A MATTER OF LOST OPPORTUNITY -- AS A CHANCE TO RECAPTURE DIGNITY IN THE FORM OF A PAYCHECK. // IN SHORT, WE SEE THE ANSWER TO UNEMPLOYMENT AS ECONOMIC GROWTH.

THREE TIMES IN THREE YEARS I'VE CALLED ON CONGRESS TO ENACT STRONG ECONOMIC GROWTH INITIATIVES. THREE TIMES IN THREE YEARS THE LEADERSHIP ON THE HILL SENT THOSE INITIATIVES INTO LIBERAL LIMBO. //

**NEW INITIATIVES TO INCREASE SAVING AND INVESTMENT;  
INCREASE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR R&D; ENTERPRISE ZONES TO  
SPAWN A NEW GENERATION OF URBAN ENTREPRENEURS IN OUR  
INNER CITIES -- A CAPITAL GAINS TAX CUT, TO UNLEASH  
INVESTMENT AND GET OUR ECONOMY BOOMING AGAIN. //**

TWO YEARS AGO, IN NOVEMBER 1989, WE CAME CLOSE ON  
CAPITAL GAINS. A MAJORITY IN BOTH THE SENATE AND THE  
HOUSE PASSED A PACKAGE CONTAINING A CAPITAL GAINS TAX  
CUT.

IT TOOK A LAST MINUTE PARLIAMENTARY MANEUVER BY SENATOR  
MITCHELL TO BLOCK PASSAGE. / WELL, SENATOR MITCHELL  
GOT HIS POLITICAL VICTORY --AND <sup>EIGHT MONTHS LATER,</sup> AMERICA GOT A  
RECESSION. //

I'LL MAKE A DEAL WITH THE DEMOCRATS: GIVE ME A CUT  
IN CAP GAINS -- I'LL TAKE THE POLITICAL HEAT.

IN SHORT ORDER, WE'LL ALL SEE THAT CUTTING CAPITAL GAINS WOULD HELP PUT AMERICA BACK TO WORK, STIMULATE GROWTH, GENERATE MORE JOBS -- AND ULTIMATELY BRING IN MORE TAX REVENUE THAN IT COSTS. ///

THE TIRED OLD LIBERAL LEADERSHIP HASN'T NOTICED THAT THE WORLD HAS PASSED THEM BY. LOOK AT THE WAY THE LIBERALS TALK ABOUT FOREIGN POLICY. // SINCE I TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE, THIS NATION HAS BEEN CALLED ON TO MEET ONE CHALLENGE AFTER ANOTHER:

FROM EASTERN EUROPE TO PANAMA TO THE PERSIAN GULF. EACH TIME, AMERICA ANSWERED THE CALL. EACH TIME, AMERICA ADVANCED THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM. BECAUSE WE DID, AMERICA STANDS TODAY AS THE WORLD'S PREEMINENT POWER -- ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL, MILITARY AND MORAL.

AND STILL WE HEAR DEMOCRATS ASKING: WHY DOES THE PRESIDENT SPEND SO MUCH TIME ON FOREIGN POLICY? //

I DON'T CARE WHAT THE SECOND-GU ESSERS ON CAPITOL HILL HAVE TO SAY:

I WILL NEVER APOLOGIZE FOR A SINGLE MINUTE I DEVOTE TO  
ADVANCING AMERICA'S INTERESTS ABROAD. //

LISTEN TO THE LIBERALS, AND YOU'D THINK WE WERE  
BACK IN THE 19TH CENTURY -- ISOLATED FROM THE REST OF  
THE WORLD BY TWO OCEANS. TODAY, THE NEAT LITTLE BOXES  
WE LABEL "FOREIGN" AND "DOMESTIC" ARE OUTDATED --  
RELICS FROM AN EARLIER ERA THAT DON'T DESCRIBE THE NEW  
WORLD AROUND US. //

THINK ABOUT THE GREAT QUESTIONS OF WAR AND PEACE.  
IF WE SUCCEED IN MAKING THIS A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD FOR  
YOUR GRANDKIDS AND MINE -- IS THAT FOREIGN POLICY OR  
DOMESTIC? //

LOOK AT THE CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. LAST MONTH  
IN MADRID, WE ASKED ANCIENT ENEMIES TO SIT DOWN AT THE  
SAME TABLE -- TO PUT ASIDE GENERATIONS OF HATRED FOR  
THE SAKE OF PEACE.

AND YET SOME SHORT-SIGHTED CRITICS SLAMMED ME FOR SPENDING 36 HOURS TO TAKE MY MESSAGE TO MADRID. //

THINK ABOUT A PROBLEM PLAGUING THIS CITY. WHEN I CONVENE A DRUG SUMMIT IN CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA TO STOP THE TIDAL WAVE OF CRACK BEFORE IT HITS THE STREETS OF NEW YORK -- IS THAT FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC?

THINK ABOUT THE GLOBAL ECONOMY. LIBERALS ACT AS IF THE "GLOBAL MARKETPLACE" IS OFF IN ASIA OR EUROPE, WHEN IT'S REALLY ALL AROUND US.

CONSIDER THIS: EVERY ADDITIONAL BILLION DOLLARS IN NEW TRADE IN MANUFACTURED GOODS, FOR EXAMPLE, MEANS 20,000 NEW AMERICAN JOBS. SO WHEN I GO TO THE HAGUE AS I DID LAST WEEK TO MAKE OUR CASE WITH THE EC, TO OPEN THE EUROPEAN MARKET TO AMERICAN GOODS -- IS THAT FOREIGN POLICY OR DOMESTIC? //

AS YOU KNOW, I'VE POSTPONED THE TRIP I'D PLANNED TO EAST ASIA.

AS IMPORTANT AS IT IS TO PUSH FOR FREER TRADE AND OPEN MARKETS IN JAPAN, KOREA AND AUSTRALIA -- WHEN I LEARNED CONGRESS MIGHT STAY IN SESSION PAST THE THANKSGIVING RECESS, I THOUGHT I'D BETTER CHANGE MY PLANS. I OWE IT TO THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER TO MAKE SURE CONGRESS NEVER STAYS "HOME ALONE."

LET ME FOCUS FOR A MOMENT ON ONE REASON WHY -- AN ESPECIALLY URGENT PIECE OF LEGISLATION: EXTENDING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. /

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS KNOW I'VE BEEN READY SINCE AUGUST TO SIGN AN EXTENSION -- ONE THAT LIVES WITHIN THE BUDGET AGREEMENT AND DOESN'T ADD TO THIS STAGGERING DEFICIT. BOB DOLE HAD A BILL -- ONE THAT GETS THE CHECKS MOVING BUT DOESN'T BUST THE BUDGET -- BUT THE DEMOCRATS CHOSE TO PLAY POLITICS. AND BECAUSE THEY DID, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF UNEMPLOYED AMERICANS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE WAITING WEEKS AND MONTHS FOR THE BENEFITS THEY NEED RIGHT NOW. ///

I BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE READY TO MOVE IN A NEW DIRECTION. EVERYONE KNOWS WE'VE GOT REAL PROBLEMS. BUT THEY'RE TIRED OF HEARING THE OLD LIBERAL LITANY -- TIRED OF POLITICIANS WHO NEVER WEARY OF SAYING WHAT'S WRONG WITH AMERICA. SOMETIMES I GET THIS SINKING FEELING THAT THEY CAN ONLY WIN IF TIMES ARE BAD -- THAT THE DEMOCRATS HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN AMERICA'S FAILURE. WHAT A TAWDRY, NEGATIVE WAY TO VIEW OUR COUNTRY. //

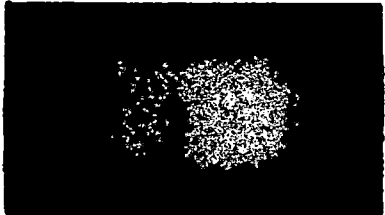
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THAT'S NOT OUR AMERICA. THAT'S NOT THE AMERICA THAT'S ENVIED THE WORLD OVER -- THE AMERICA WE KNOW IS RIGHT AND DECENT AND GOOD. AMERICANS WANT LEADERSHIP: THEY WANT SOMEONE WHO SHARES THEIR FAITH, SOMEONE WHO WILL SUMMON UP THE BEST IN THE AMERICAN SPIRIT TO SHAPE A NEW AMERICAN CENTURY -- A NEW AMERICAN DESTINY. //

THAT'S OUR VISION -- OUR MISSION IN THE YEAR AHEAD.

**IT STARTS RIGHT HERE, WITH ALL OF YOU -- AND WITH YOUR  
SUPPORT WE WILL SUCCEED. // THANK YOU -- AND MAY GOD  
BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

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THE VICE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Phil. Mr. President, Barbara, Marilyn, distinguished head table, ladies and gentlemen. Let me just go on the record once again and to tell all of you people of Texas what you already know -- Phil Gramm is one of the best United States senators in the entire country. (Applause.)

And what a tremendous honor for Marilyn and me to be back in Houston, Texas -- the home of the 41st President of the United States of America. (Applause.) And after speaking to all of those lawyers -- (laughter) -- several weeks ago, I'm delighted to be among friends. (Laughter and applause.) Since I'm a lawyer and Marilyn's a lawyer, we know it's tough to be a lawyer. (Laughter.) After all, when a lawyer states his or her position, no matter how right he may be, the other party always finds fault with everything he says. And, believe it or not, lawyers are often criticized by the press. (Laughter.)

At times, you'd think there's even a feeding frenzy against lawyers. They're subjected to ridicule, lawyer-bashing, and even lawyer jokes. I sure hope something like that never happens to me. (Laughter and applause.)

For almost three years now, I've had the opportunity to work side-by-side with our great President. History judges presidents on the decisions they make. I might also add that history does, and should, judge presidents on how they make those decisions. I have had the opportunity to see from close range how this President faces the tough choices every day. He does it calmly, carefully, thoughtfully and, yes, at times prayerfully.

I've seen him search long and hard for the right answers to the difficult challenges that face our country. For President George Bush, the question at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day is what will serve the best interests of America and her people?

The most dramatic moment perhaps came last January when the President made the decision that Saddam Hussein would have to be expelled from Kuwait by force. Our President gave Saddam every opportunity to leave. But the dictator of Iraq thought the President and the coalition that he had put together lacked the political will to do what had to be done.

Well, our President, your friend and neighbor, did what was right. Because in his heart and in his mind, he knew what was right. He knows that honor, decency and service aren't just words, they're a way of life. George Bush's way of life.

And to know the President is also to know his wonderful family. Barbara, the children, the grandchildren and, of course, Millie and Ranger -- (laughter) -- but you and I know that the George

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Bush family extends to all of us in this room tonight. And let me just say this: On behalf of millions in our country, we are proud of our great First Family. (Applause.)

Speaking of being proud, let me just say how proud I am of my partner for nearly 19 years. She's involved herself in disaster preparedness around the world and, yes, she's done a tremendous service for women of America in her crusade against the dreaded disease of breast cancer. Thank you, Marilyn. (Applause.)

Two of my favorite historians, Will and Ariel Durant, once said that, "the family is the nucleus of civilization." The last three decades have been tough on the American family. Today, almost 25 percent of America's kids live with just one parent; 15 million children do not have a father in the home. And just about every social problem you can think of is somehow related to the breakdown of the family.

Now, we can talk all we want about what government should or should not do when it comes to the American family. But one thing is certain: Values mean something. Real life means something. Because there is no substitute for role models. And in their togetherness and their values, the Bush family is an example for all Americans to follow. (Applause.)

Behind the scenes, the picture is the same. A family deeply committed to one another. I can recall the number of times when the President interrupted important meetings to take a call from his wife, his daughter, or from one of his sons. His devotion to family is one of the many reasons that people look up to him.

Tonight, we are the George Bush political family, and proud of it. A family united because of our belief in many of the same principles and ideas. And ideas are important. Ideas are powerful. And one idea that you and I agree on, Mr. President, is the need to limit the terms of members of Congress. (Applause.)

And let me say this: If Ronald Reagan was limited to two terms, and if you, Mr. President, are limited to two terms in office, then surely for the good of the country, the Senate careers of Howard Metzenbaum and Ted Kennedy should be limited to two terms. (Applause.)

Our President is a global statesman; one who yearns for peace, works for peace and knows how to bring about peace. The mere mention of his name evokes trust, respect and love. I've seen it time and time again: President George Bush simply brings out the best in the American people. He is, as you well know, one of the most decent people you will ever meet. He has a steady inner compass that tells him what is fair and what is right. And when he knows what is right for his country, he is absolutely determined to achieve it.

Ladies and gentlemen, like all of you, I am proud to say that George Bush is our President. But it makes me even more proud to call him a very special friend.

Thank you very much. Good night, and God bless you. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: Please be seated. And, Bob, thank you. Thank you for the superior and wonderful job you've done. You know, this is the very first event for the Bush-Quayle fundraising effort. And we wanted to start amongst friends, and we wanted to get somebody good, somebody effective to head this dinner. And I can't think of anybody better than Bob Cruikshank and all those up here and all

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those out there that have come through. It is a wonderful beginning, and I'm grateful -- and I know Dan -- to every single one of you.

I want to thank my Vice President, your Vice President and his marvelous wife, Marilyn. I can't begin to tell you of all the things he does. But I think the country now sees his substance and his value, and it's something I see every single day that I'm President as we take on a Congress that, frankly, needs a little leadership up there. I've heard him take the gloves off a little bit there, and that's fine. That suits the heck out of me. (Applause.)

I also want to say to Bob Mosbacher how grateful I am to have him at my side. I know all of you know him -- everybody in this room knows him as a friend. But I know him not just as a friend of longstanding, but as an effective member of our Cabinet. And I can tell you, he is out there -- domestically and around the world promoting the American free enterprise system, looking after the interests of American investment, American jobs, here and abroad.

And, Bob, I'm very grateful to you.

May I also thank Bobby Holt. Yes, Midland's out there somewhere. (Laughter.) Holt is everywhere, and he's doing a wonderful job as our Chairman, our National Chairman, taking the role the Bob Mosbacher has so successfully filled for us in the previous campaign.

Senator Phil Gramm -- I agree with everything Dan Quayle said about him. I see him in action. And I'll tell you -- when you have the minority in the Senate, when you have to play defense because of the numbers, you want a tenacious bulldog, free thinker, enterprising senator at your side like Phil Gramm. I'm grateful to him every single day that I'm President. (Applause.)

I want to thank Willie Alexander for being with us, and Reverend Claude Payne, my pastor; Milo Hamilton, of course; and then the Aggies -- the Texas A&M Singing Cadets. I don't know how they can still stay standing. (Applause.) This is about a 45-minute speech. Let's see how they do at the end of this one. (Laughter.)

It's great to be back. Milo, one slight correction -- you said I said, "There's so-and-so." I was looking at Red Adair, and I said, "There's that so-and-so." (Laughter.)

You know, coming back here really does take you back in a sense to roots. I first became active in politics out in Odessa and Midland in '52 when I headed the Eisenhower-Nixon campaign, Barbara at my side. In '56, the same role. I think it was in that year that she and I conducted the very first primary that was ever held in Midland, Texas. Three people -- some of you have heard this story; it happens to be true -- three people voted all day in that precinct: Barbara, me, and one drunk that thought he was going to the Democratic precinct. (Laughter.) And that's the gospel truth. (Laughter.)

Then, I came down here to Texas, and early in the '60s I became Harris County Republican Chairman. There, I think more than anyplace, Barbara and I first got a taste of what was to become a way of life for us. The party was small -- very, very small in those days. And yet, the ideals and the ideas were sound. Fiscal sanity, people controlling their own destinies more; limited government; trust in the people; a compassionate, fair government; strong defense; a country not afraid to lead. Those were some of the things that brought us together in this tiny party matrix 30 years ago in Harris County. And I must say, those are the same ideals that both Dan and I have -- the same ideas that we believe in. Thirty years later, I still feel strongly about those principles and other fundamental principles that join us here tonight.

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Lately, the opposition up there in Washington says we don't have an agenda. But I've noticed that their agenda for Congress is stopping our agenda for America. They are old thinkers, tired, old ideas, and all they want to do is block the agenda that I was elected to perform on by the American people, and I'm a little tired of it. (Applause.) You work your heart out for new ideas in trying to bring new systems to this country, and you face the old -- same old tired liberal cliches in Washington, D.C. We are pro-growth, we are pro-family, we are a pro-freedom agenda, and that is our agenda -- to build a better America. And I wish we had more people in the Senate like Phil Gramm and we'd be singing swiftly ahead, I'll tell you. (Applause.)

I was privileged to work with my dear friend, Hugh Liedtke, and others in starting two or three very small companies here in Texas. And I never forgot, and I never will forget what America owes to its small business men and women. That's one reason that, for over the last three years, I've fought against policies that would drive small business into the ground -- through government mandates.

Every time you turn around, you've got some subcommittee chairman that's been there 30 years trying to mandate new benefits and tell some guy in Midland or Odessa how to run his life. And we're sick and tired of it. And next year, we're going to change it. (Applause.)

Dan Quayle has a committee trying to do something about overregulation. And you ought to hear them squirming over there in the House of Representatives, refusing to let him get his job done because they're thinking old, tired thoughts that the federal government ought to regulate every inch of your life. And we're tired of that one, too. (Applause.)

Look, I'll be the first to agree we need economic growth in this country. But we can't get it if Congress keeps piling on mandated benefits. Wonderful new programs designed by a subcommittee chairman in Washington, D.C., telling everybody exactly how they're going to take their leave, what they're going to do about helping people in their neighborhoods. This isn't the way America ought to be operating. I have this wonderful sense that -- I get frustrated at times, but I've got this wonderful sense that we can change that next year by taking our message that the Congress has been around there too darn long, controlled by the same party, and it's time to change it. (Applause.)

Let me give you an example. I'm just getting warmed up because I heard George Mitchell on the television a few minutes ago. Now, let me tell you something here. (Laughter.) Let me talk to you about an issue. I don't think there is anybody in this country, any fair-minded man or woman who doesn't sympathize with someone who wants to work and is out of work. It's very easy to demagogue on this issue. Nobody who has one grain of compassion likes to veto an unemployment compensation bill. But someone -- and I think I was the one elected to do this -- must consider the welfare of all the people in this country.

So let me tell you what my position is on this unemployment compensation. Number one: I want to see the Democrats in the Senate lay politics aside and help those whose unemployment benefits have run out. Families are hurting out there. And I've said for months that I want to help them.

Secondly, I want a bill that, in helping them, does not burden every single taxpayer in this country -- those that are working and those that aren't working. I don't want to see the budget agreement that Phil Gramm and others worked so hard to get into place, the spending caps on it -- the only control that you as taxpayers have on a spendthrift Congress -- I don't want to see it

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oken. And the only safeguard we have against more and more ending is that budget agreement.

Every time I turn around, the liberal Democrats want to bust the agreement. That would add to the deficit and eventually add to the tax burden of present generations and the debt burden of future generations.

Number three on this same subject -- we have a proposal before the Congress that extends benefits. It lays aside all this political rhetoric that you hear from these Democrats and gets the checks in the mail to those families that are hurting and does it within the budget agreement. Bob Dole proposed that weeks ago. But the Democrats want to ram it down my ear in a political victory, and I'm going to veto their bill if they send it down in a way that's going to bust this budget again. Now, they can mark that one down. (Applause.)

I think it's a crying shame to play politics when people are hurting in this country. I really believe that. And they can get a bill signed by me tomorrow if they get going and send something down that lives within the budget agreement that we all agreed to, that they themselves agreed to. You tell me who's playing politics with that issue when people are hurting in this country.

It's not all negative. At times, we're able to persuade -- I remember how Lyndon used to talk: "Come reason with me." Wrench the guy's arm out of his socket. (Laughter.) And he was working with control of both Houses of the Congress. I don't know how he'd do it today.

But sometimes we are able to persuade the opposition to cooperate, to join with us. I've reached out to the Congress. I don't believe there's a person in America that thinks I haven't reached out to the Congress -- not always in a kind and gentle way, but always reached out to the Congress, trying to get something done for the American people and do it in a manner I was elected to do it. I was the one that was elected -- Dan Quayle and I were the ones that were elected by all the people in this country. And the senators have their responsibilities -- of course, they do. But I think I have a responsibility to perform on what I told the people three years ago that I would do.

We did get the Clean Air Act through -- compromise. Good, fair negotiation with the Democrats, amendments that employ free-market incentives and really do help the environment. We advanced the cause of property rights and home ownership with this HOPE, this home ownership initiative. We've broken down the barriers to employment of 43 million Americans with our landmark Americans with Disabilities Act, which I was very proud -- emotional in signing last year on the South Lawn of the White House.

Other times we can do some positive things on our own. Just last week, I signed an executive order to take the first steps in reforming our legal system. Dan Quayle's committee came up with some very sound recommendations, and I was proud to incorporate them into an executive order. We're trying, frankly, to put an end to some of these outrageous lawsuits and monstrous settlements that scare every small businessman, every doctor and everybody else in this country to death. (Applause.)

There's only so much of it we can do with executive order. We need liability reform legislation. And yet, that legislation is bottled up by these people I'm saying tonight are old thinkers. They just don't want to take on the pressure groups, the lobbies, the tough constituents that come together and try to get for the few that which the many are denied.

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Americans want liability reform. And I'd like to see the Congress move out now and do something about it. Dan Quayle has been out there on the cutting edge of this, and I am 100-percent behind him.

And I might say that he's touched -- he referred to it -- touched a sore spot with some of the members of the ABA, the American Bar Association, when he called for legal reform. But he touched a nerve with a whole lot more everyday Americans who just plain stood up and cheered. He's done a great job on it, and I am very proud to have him by my side on this issue and all the other issues we're talking about here tonight. (Applause.)

The Senate did a good job in a bipartisan manner on the crime bill. But then it goes over to the House, and some of these old thinkers I'm telling you about are denying the changes that the American people so clearly spoke about in the presidential elections of 1988. We've got -- you talk about these incentives to get jobs -- we've got some incentive in a transportation bill -- a job-heavy transportation bill, and yet, a good one. We beat back some bad legislation. We've got a good one there.

In the State of the Union message, I said to Congress, hey, how about passing a transportation bill in 100 days? That was 241 days ago and they haven't got it down to my desk to be signed yet. I think the people are tired of this kind of old thinking, old politics.

One area where we don't need a lot of legislation -- need some, but not a lot -- is in education. We have an initiative called America 2000 -- a concept designed to literally revolutionize our schools.

Lamar Alexander, David Kearns, coming together as a fantastic team there, rethinking -- working with governors, Democrats, Republicans alike, to redefine what we need to achieve educational excellence.

And you talk about an exciting concept, one that's gathering momentum and excitement around the country, it's that one. And fortunately, we don't need a lot of legislation because one of the key education committees that you have to go to is tired -- think how much money are we going to spend for this; how much money are we going to spend for that -- programs that have failed.

It's not a question of money. It's not a question of that. We spent \$190 billion in 1980 on education; we spend \$400 billion today, and we're way back in the tail end of education around the world. It isn't good enough. And we've got to think anew. Give me more senators like Phil and give me more congressmen like Bill Archer, and by golly, you'll see the change in education that the American people want. (Applause.)

You hear about consumer confidence. Yes, there's a lack of confidence. And one thing that would change it right now is sound, forward-looking banking reform legislation. And we've got those proposals, and they've been gutted by partisan infighting. How I long for a Congress where we can at least take the offense on these important issues.

One subject that many of you know an awful lot about in this room -- a national energy strategy. We need that from the Congress. It would mean jobs, it would mean increased production, and it would mean less dependence on foreign oil for our energy requirements.

And I am going to continue to support environmentally responsive access to ANWR, the Alaskan Refuge, for energy production. We need it. And if you're worried about caribou, take a look at the

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arguments that were used about the pipeline. They'd say the caribou would be extinct. You've got to shake them away with a stick; they're all making love lying up against the pipeline. And you've got thousands of caribou up there. (Applause.) And yet the same voices, the same voices are arguing against ANWR today. I mean, come on. (Laughter and applause.)

I want to see us reduce our reliance on foreign oil, and we can if we pass an energy bill, one like the one that came out of Senator Bennett Johnston's -- good Democrat on this issue -- and Senator Malcolm Wallop -- came out of their committee.

You know, we hear a lot about economic growth. I've called for economic growth initiatives in three State of the Union messages, and a part of that -- one part of the economic growth was a capital gains tax cut. So what happens in Washington, D.C.? They jump up and down and scream, "this is a tax cut for the rich." Let me tell you, I'll make them a proposal right here tonight. I will take all the political heat that they can muster. Whatever country, however much demagoguery they can bring to bear on that issue, I'll take that heat if they will give this capital gains cut a chance. Because it will create jobs and get America back to work again. And it is not a tax cut for the rich -- (applause.) It is a jobs measure -- a small-business-creation measure -- a shot-in-the-arm-for-a-sluggish-economy measure.

History has already shown that it does not add to the deficit. The Treasury scores it as a plus, not a minus. It reduces the deficit. So let the opposition carry on all they want. We've all heard it before -- good heavens, I'm 67, I've heard it for a thousand years -- "tax cut for the rich, breaks for the rich." Let's try something a little bit different than the mandated programs from Washington that offer people a lack of dignity and a lack of hope. And in the meantime, give the Americans a break, give them some jobs. Get going with our motivation package.

Finally, it's time we got around to -- rid of a practice where a privileged few stand outside the law -- where attending to the national interest takes a back seat to serving the special interests. And very frankly, it's time that the United States Congress started following the laws it imposes on every citizen in this country. (Applause.)

I gave the Congress a gentle nudge on this the other day, pointing out that with all the pious cries during those Thomas hearings, Congress -- now, get this -- has exempted itself from sexual harassment laws. Word of honor. Yesterday the Senate did take one step to put itself under the same laws that the rest of the people have to obey. But that's just not enough. It's time that those who make the laws, live by the laws that they make others live by. Now, that is fair play, and it's long overdue. (Applause.)

And speaking of Clarence Thomas, I am delighted that he's on the Supreme Court. Men supported him overwhelmingly. Women supported him overwhelmingly. Blacks supported him overwhelmingly. But the liberals in the Senate didn't support him at all. And I'm glad that the people won out on that one. (Applause.)

When I hear the critics in Congress arguing about our priorities -- foreign policy or domestic policy -- I wonder where their priorities are. The "global marketplace" isn't off in Europe or Asia or in Africa -- it's right here in our neighborhoods, in our businesses, in our schools. Take a look at our North American Free Trade Agreement. It will have a monumental effect on the quality of life here in the United States over the next decade.

We're not doing this to be nice to Mexico, we're doing it because it is in the best interest of the workers and the people of the United States of America. Every billion dollars in new trade

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means 20,000 more jobs. A better-educated work force means higher quality products, which means more economic growth. The cycle continues -- and growth means more jobs, more opportunity for everyone.

But the world beyond our borders affects us in other ways, and we've got to make a choice: do we meet its challenges, or do we fall behind?

And, yes, since I've been President, we have been called upon to meet one crucial challenge after another. And meet them we did -- each and every one. From Eastern Europe to Panama to the Persian Gulf, to dealing with the Soviet Union as history unfolds before your very eyes -- in all of these, it is America that stands as a beacon of freedom throughout the world. And our prestige around the world has never been higher than it is today. (Applause.)

I'm still on Madrid daylight saving, or something; my eyes kind of -- because yesterday I was in Madrid, and I helped open that Middle East peace conference in Madrid. But over there, I made a terrible mistake. I flipped on CNN -- and I say that with respect to CNN guys down here, but I turned it on and I saw one of the Democrat leaders, one of the elected Democrat leaders in the House of Representatives attack me for being at that historic conference. I could not believe the small-bore nature of that partisan criticism. Here you have a historic peace conference. You're bringing together people that have been hostile and wouldn't even have been in the same room at any time in their history. And this guy gets on and says I shouldn't be in Madrid for 36 hours.

Come on. We have a responsibility here. I have a responsibility to lead and I'm not going to let Democratic, liberal carping keep me from leading. (Applause.)

If I had to get -- let me put it to you so you can understand it. Let me put it in Red Adair's terms -- "If I'd have had to let Ted Kennedy tell me whether I could move a quarter-of-a-million troops to the Middle East or let Schwarzkopf move from St. Petersburg or Tampa to Saudi Arabia, Schwarzkopf would still be there; the troops would still be there; and Saddam Hussein would still be in Kuwait, maybe moving into Saudi Arabia. That's what was at stake. And thank God, I didn't have to listen to these carpers telling me how to run that war. (Applause.)

I'm getting warmed up for next year. (Laughter.) I told them I was not going to do this until about March or April of next year. (Laughter.) But they get under your skin for a while. I've reached out to this Congress. (Laughter.) I really have tried. And I'm getting sick and tired, as the Congress winds up, of this partisan, liberal criticism. I can't wait now to roll up my sleeves and become a candidate. (Laughter and applause.)

My point is simply this: We live in an integrated world. And in that world, you can't neatly divide foreign policy from domestic policy. When I talk with foreign leaders about new markets for American products, is it foreign policy or domestic? When I meet with groups of Latin American leaders, as I did in Cartagena, to help try to keep drugs out of America's schools and neighborhoods, is that foreign policy or is that domestic policy? When Desert Storm reignited Americans' faith in themselves, was that just foreign policy?

No. It demonstrated our special role as the world's preeminent moral, political, economic and military power. The pride that we felt in our fighting men and women -- and in ourselves -- shouldn't be trivialized as something "foreign."

Anyone who says we should retreat into an isolationistic cocoon is living in the last century -- when we should be focusing on

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the next century and the life that our kids can have in that next century. They should know that America's destiny has always been to lead. And if I have anything to do with it, lead we will. (Applause.)

I'll tell you, yes, there are plenty of real problems out there all across our country. They're human problems where real people, real lives are at stake. Dan talked about the family. Where families are ripped asunder. Tons of problems out there. But we are going to prevail because I firmly believe that the American spirit is alive and well.

In Texas or in Washington, I know we'll keep up the fight. And we will hold as our banner the frontier resolve and the common-sense ideals of those early Texans who built our great state. I am absolutely convinced, no matter what the obstacles we face in a partisan nature, that we can do something for the kids, that we can build a better America.

So I want to thank you for being here with us tonight. It means a great deal, in many, many more ways than I can possibly tell you, for Barbara and me to start this journey -- this fundraising journey right here where we feel, what Bob talked about, a sense of love and warmth and friendship. That means an awful lot, whether you're President of the United States or still living around the corner.

Thank you and God bless each and every one of you. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

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10:10 P.M. CST

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Oct. 22/91

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TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN

HOUSTON GOP (M.K. GRANT)

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THERE'S NO TRUTH TO THE RUMOR THAT THE REAL REASON I'M  
HERE IS BECAUSE JOE GIBBS ASKED ME TO SPY ON AN OILERS' PRACTICE BEFORE  
THEIR GAME IN WASHINGTON ON SUNDAY. (Oilers play 'Skins at RFK on Nov. 3)

SOMEONE TOLD ME ABOUT A HOUSTON SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER WHO TOLD HER CLASS THEY'D  
SPEND THE MORNING DISCUSSING THE MIRACLES OF THE SAVIOUR. A YOUNG BOY PIPED  
UP AND SAID "IT'S ABOUT TIME WE TALKED ABOUT WARREN MOON." (Houston quarterback,  
having a great year.)

THE ASTRODOME AND THE NATIONAL POLITICAL ARENA HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON. BOTH  
THE OILERS' OPPONENTS AND REPUBLICAN OPPONENTS KNOW THOSE LOCALES AS THE "HOUSE  
OF PAIN." (House of pain is Astrodome's nickname when Oilers play there.)



~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ TONIGHT IS HALLOWEEN, AND IF YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT A DEMOCRAT  
WON'T RECOGNIZE YOU, SHOW UP AT HIS DOOR DISGUISED AS A NEW IDEA.

THE OTHER PARTY KEEPS TALKING ABOUT A DOMESTIC PROGRAM. THEIR DOMESTIC PROGRAM  
CONSISTS OF UNDERESTIMATING AMERICA.

July 11, 1988

VICE PRESIDENT'S FAVORITES

FAVORITE FOOD Mexican, Chinese, Barbeque (at Otto's in Houston), Seafood (swordfish, crabs, lobster, clams), Steak and Pasta

FAVORITE SNACK Popcorn

FAVORITE MOVIE "Karate Kid", "Chariots of Fire" and Clint Eastwood movies

FAVORITE DESSERT Ice Cream (preferably coffee with homemade butterscotch sauce)

FAVORITE AUTHOR Many -- not one favorite (*Alan Drury & Hank Sures are 2 safe choices*)

FAVORITE BOOK "Red Storm Rising" (by Tom Clancy)  
"Lonesome Dove" (by McMurtry)

FAVORITE MUSIC Country

FAVORITE TV Monday Night Football; 20/20; 60 Minutes  
"Murder, She Wrote"

TEEN AGE IDOL Lou Gehrig, Don Budge

LEAST FAVORITE FOOD Broccoli, brussel sprouts and turnips

CLOTHES Arthur Adler (in Washington, D.C.)  
Norton-Ditto (in Houston)

SPORTS Fishing, Tennis, Running, Horseshoes

FAVORITE BOOK/YOUTH "War and Peace", "Catcher in the Rye",  
"Gentleman's Agreement"

FAVORITE GROUP Oak Ridge Boys, Sandi Patti, Loretta Lynn *Randy Travis*

FAVORITE MOVIE STARS Clint Eastwood, Meryl Streep, Chuck Heston,  
Bill Murray, Jimmy Stewart

LAST MOVIE "Crocodile Dundee" - June 25, 1988

August 9, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR SPEECHWRITERS  
RESEARCHERS

FROM: JENNIFER GROSSMAN  
SUBJECT: POP CULTURE

Quotes, historical anecdotes, ancient proverbs -- these all make the President's speeches resonate with the past...how to make them resonate with the present? Iris Burnette spoke of bringing an advertiser's or producer's sense of pop to pumping up the jam in presidential rhetoric. Leafing through the rags, scanning the channels, I've tried to dip into the commercial zeitgeist to see what might shine.

Thanks to the interns for their contributions on favorite movies, stars, tv shows, etc. If many of lines seem to reek of Democrat bashing -- sorry, maybe I'm just in a bad mood. Not. Just remember, as La Rouchefoucauld put it, "Ridicule dishonours more than dishonour." And certain pols court dishonour like the Kennedeys court the ladies.

--"Reach out and tax somebody."

--It's hammer time for the \_\_\_\_\_ (MC Hammer)

--Can't touch this. (MC Hammer)

--I've fallen, and I can't get up. (Dems)

--Bungee cord imagery: "bungee cord economics," "he's like the bungee cord jumper who forgot to tie his shoes"

--"Mike Dukakis is a hard act to follow, but I can see you're stumbling in the right direction"

--"Get with the program" (popular rap line, hip jargon, meaning: get with it guys, you're way off base)

--(Citing figures on what we've done to wipe out crime first term, promise second will carry on) Terminator Two

--The Liberal Crack-Up

--This is the fourth national election in which the Democratic Party has offered the American people ideas and candidates that seem light years away -- or behind. I like to call it Warp Four. Beam them up, Scotty!

--(take off on thirtysomething, twentysomething) "same old sixtiessomething policies" "liberalsomething"

--Don't leave home without it.

--"Catch the wave" (they've failed to catch the wave)

--Part Four of "Desperately seeking a Democrat" "Desperately seeking a platform" (from "Desperately Seeking Susan," a Madonna movie)...new, from Taxtone Pictures.

--Jeopardy, Vanna White

--When I look at the Democrats' platform, it reminds me of "Deathwish III."

--How to describe the Democrats' platform? no calories, no cholesterol, and absolutely no nutritional value. "Tastes great/less filling."

--Democrats have come up with an ingenious new way to combat noise pollution -- campaign stickers that say "Honk if you love Tsongas."

--popular souvenir from Democratic National Convention: T-shirt that reads "You Don't Have to be Crazy to Nominate a Liberal, Patronize Minorities, and Pledge new Taxes -- But it Sure Helps!!"

--the Democratic Party Platform: "Postcards from the Edge."

--"I'm not going to pay a lot for this \_\_\_\_!" congressman, budget, bureaucracy. (from, "I'm not going to pay a lot for this muffler!")

--Guilty of incompetence in the first degree.

--The Democrats have been talking in their sleep, and America doesn't like what they're saying.

--"Their candidate kind of reminds me of Madonna, except his campaign would be called the 'Bland Ambition' tour."

--The Energizer Bunny, "all charged up and nowhere to go," possib.: the enduring liberalism of the Democratic Party.

--"I heard that Arnold Schwarzenegger is thinking of making a movie about the Democratic Presidential Campaign. It's going to be called 'Total Relapse.'"

--"The Wonder Years" (popular TV show) For the Dems, each successive Presidential election has been another episode in "The Wonder Years," with Americans wondering when they're going to grow up.

--Twin Peaks.

--politically motivated investigations into Reagan campaign,

administration: "Raiders of the Lost Ark"

--as Pink Floyd might have put it: "They have become, comfortably numb."

--twist on Field of Dreams line, "Is this heaven? ...No, it's Houston." (orig., Iowa)

--vocalist John Cougar Mellencamp: "You gotta stand for something, or you'll fall for anything."

--"Scam-elot"

--metaphors with Greek cruise ship abandoned off coast of South Africa

--"McDemocrat" -- "over 100 billion spent"

--"\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_'s Bogus Journey" (Bill and Ted's)

--"A wild and crazy guy"

--POTUS at Grand Canyon in September: "Raising Arizona"

--"America's Funniest Home \_\_\_\_" (Districts?)

--"Chill." "Take a chill pill"

--"Don't have a cow, man" (Bart Simpson) Here we might be getting a bit **too** hip. How bout segue on some of these with, "As my granddaughter would say...."

--"Lifestyles of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_" (orig. "Rich and Famous" rich and obscure? rich and aimless? rich and artless?)

--rebuff to hysterical threats of the Dems: "You don't spit into the wind." (Leroy Brown so learned in Jim Croce's "You Don't Mess Around with Jim")

--"Just Do It" (Nike ads)

#### LETTERMAN'S TOP TEN DUKAKIS EXCUSES

10. Forgot to wear "lucky" shorts
9. Thought election was first Tuesday in **December**.
8. It's just a big popularity contest.
7. Used Wendell to warm up campaign crowds.
6. Couldn't believe anyone in a million, jillion years would vote for George Bush.
5. Extensive campaigning in Belgium was a waste of time.
4. Fell for Bush's old "You-vote-for-me-and-I'll-vote-for-you" trick.
3. **Insert your own eyebrow joke here**

2. Ill-advised pledge to "tax you bastards back to the Stone Age."
1. Didn't care about Presidency; just wanted to win \$20 bet that I could do better than Mondale.

**NOTE ON THE DIPLOMACY OF PRESIDENTIAL POP:**

As I brought up with Iris, my one concern with juicing a little jive into brief remarks is this: where does hip end and silly begin? I mean, this is the President. Saying "Kawabunga!" is cute, but not very dignified. One solution is finding areas of popular or leisure culture accessible to George Bush. The sister memo to this one will hopefully tap into one: Country music. Dan suggested finding titles to country hits that could sum up points POTUS might want to make. "Life its ownself" is intriguing...very intriguing. CAN ANYONE TELL ME WHAT IT MEANS?!?! Anyway, stay tuned. Until then, here's some golf jargon, fresh from Newsweek, accessible to POTUS, good for making metaphors. Can you imagine him saying that so and so reminds him of...

- A duck loop: a lousy golfer prone to hitting balls into ponds
- bird watcher: an inattentive caddy. Also known as a fly trap
- screw loop: A lousy tipper. Usage: "I'm not taking so and so. He's a screw loop."
- goat track: an unkempt, crummy course
- chauffeur pack mule: an overloaded, overworked caddy

September 5, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR SPEECHWRITERS  
RESEARCHERS

FROM: JENNIFER GROSSMAN  
SUBJECT: THANK GOD HE'S A COUNTRY BOY

As promised, here's the sister memo to pop culture metaphoria. Again, playing off of Iris Burnette's prompting that we plug into the zeitgeist, these country music titles are evocative and upbeat. Moreover, while "Kawabunga Dudes!" is pop and perky, it clearly lacks dignity. Country provides a presidential channel to the beat going on -- it's American and the POTUS likes it.

Under each title I've included contextual suggestions, other applications will suggest themselves.

- 1) "I Ain't Got No Business Doin' Business Today" Alabama  
--congressional incompetence
- 2) "When I Stop Dreaming" Jim and Jesse  
--congressional probe into alleged Reagan Campaign  
involvement with hostage release delay  
--Walsh on Iran-Contra  
--liberal approach to economic growth
- 3) "Pickin' Up the Pieces" Poco  
--what the Dems have been doing since '80: they've been  
pickin' up the pieces, but they can't seem to put 'em  
together
- 4) "Houston Means I'm One Day Closer to You" The Gatlin Brothers  
--Convention, baby
- 5) "When the Work's All Done this Fall" Carl T. Sprague  
--winning
- 6) "Tying a Knot in the Devil's Tail" Powder River Jade and  
Kitty Lee  
--what strong defense and economic growth did to  
Communist resolve  
--efficacy of proposed conservative policies against  
social ills; e.g. poverty, illiteracy
- 7) "Tin Cup Chalice" Jimmy Buffett  
--Dems' self-righteous tax and spend stance
- 8) "Trying to Reason with Hurricane Season" Jimmy Buffett  
--pacifist approach of some prewar Dems to dealing with

Saddam

--"There you go again": responding to hysterical liberal screeds on Republican policies; i.e. Nixon: "We will never learn from one another until we stop shouting at one another"

- 9) "Tippy Toeing Around" The Harden Brothers  
--Dems on the issues, liberal hypocrisy
- 10) "Almost Persuaded" David Houston
- 11) "Nobody's Home" Clint Black  
--stable of Democratic presidential contenders  
--Democratic constituency  
--liberal attitude, policies toward the family
- 12) "Diamonds and Rust" Joan Baez  
--inner cities: decay and potential
- 13) "Women Will Rule the World" Ry Cooder  
--re a female candidate? when I consider Mrs. X's record, I understand what Roy Cooder meant in his song...)
- 14) "A Bunch of Lonesome Heroes" Leonard Cohen  
--sarcastically on Dem/liberal leadership  
--positively on any number of courageous, embattled groups
- 15) "30,000 Pounds of Bananas" Harry Chapin  
--Democratic agenda, platform  
--agenda of any wacko special interest group
- 16) "Tangled Puppet" Harry Chapin  
--I don't know, be creative
- 17) "Promise You Anything" Steve Earle  
--unrealistic promises of the left  
--reckless irresponsibility of a desperate party
- 18) "When the People Find Out" Steve Earle  
--that taxpayers dollars have been wasted on fruitless, politically motivated probes  
--that the left's agenda is intellectually corrupt  
--that special interest leadership is out of touch with those they claim to represent
- 19) "Sweet Believer" T. Graham Brown  
--sarcastic twist on Hofferian "true believers" of the "L" persuasion  
--those who need to believe in Republican-Iranian machinations as responsible for Dems failures
- 20) "She Don't Know That She's Perfect" The Bellamy Brothers

--in praising First Lady, her support through the years

- 21) "When God Dips His Love in My Heart" Red Foley  
--applic to "Points of Light" rhetoric  
--choking up on some particularly moving photo op
- 22) "Gone, Gone, Gone" Glen Campbell  
--wry commentary on (fill in the blank)
- 23) "Nowhere Bound" Diamond Rio  
--Dems, their investigations, their policies, their  
campaign
- 24) "Things Aren't Funny Anymore" Merle Haggard  
--we know they're silly, they think they're serious
- 25) "Victim of Life's Circumstances" Vince Gill
- 26) "Summer Side of Life" Gordon Lightfoot  
--points of light, family

13 January 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR MARK LANGE

FROM: JENNIFER GROSSMAN  
SUBJECT: QUOTES FOR S.O.U.

- 1) "Voice of America: Ronald Reagan and the American Rhetorical Tradition" (article):

"Americans tend to respond more to what is said than to how it is said. And it is here that Ronald Reagan's genius lies. He conveys a message of native optimism and hope for the future which is deeply rooted in the American character and in American history."

R.R.: "Let me tell you something of the American character. You might think that with such a varied nation there couldn't be any one character, but in many fundamental ways there is...We're idealists...We're a compassionate people...We're an optimistic people. Like you, we inherited a vast land of endless skies, tall mountains, rich fields, and open prairies. It made us see the possibilities in everything. It made us hopeful. And we devised an economic system that rewarded individual efforts, that gave us good reason for hope."

"As early as 1964, in his famous speech for Barry Goldwater, he spoke of America's 'rendezvous with destiny'...."

"'Sometimes people call me an idealist,' Woodrow Wilson once said. 'That is why I know I am an American.'"

"..John Stuart Mill, who said: 'a state which dwarfs men...will find that with small men no great thin can really be accomplished.'"

"...Franklin Roosevelt, who told Congress in 1935, 'Continued dependence on relief induces a spiritual and moral disintegration fundamentally destructive to the national fiber. To dole our relief in this way is to administer a narcotic, a subtle destroyer of the human spirit.'"

"'Freedom is not the sole prerogative of a chosen few,' Mr. Reagan has stressed. 'It is the universal right of all God's children.'"

"(Luigi Barzini said that)..America is 'alarmingly optimistic, compassionate, incredibly generous..It was a

spiritual wind that drove Americans irresistibly ahead from the beginning."

- 2) SACRIFICES MADE FOR THE NEW WORLD ORDER: "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it."  
--Thomas Paine
- 3) "The ball of liberty, I believe most piously, is now so well in motion that it will roll around the globe...for light and liberty go together."  
--Thomas Jefferson
- 4) "Think of your forefathers and of your posterity."  
--John Quincy Adams (1802)
- 5) ON EDUCATION: "Mind is the great leveler of all things."  
--Daniel Webster (1825)
- 6) "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right."  
--Abraham Lincoln (1865)
- 7) "Hold each other in true fellowship."  
--Henry Ward Beecher (1869)
- 8) "Peace upon any other basis than national independence...is fit only for slaves."  
--William Edgar Borah (1919)
- 9) "A new integrity of human life."  
--Frank Lloyd Wright (1939)
- 10) "Americans fight joyously in a just cause."  
--Harold L. Ickes (1941)
- 11) "We are going to win the war and we are going to win the peace that follows."  
--Franklin D. Roosevelt (1941)
- 12) "What we have done so far are but small building blocks in a huge pyramid to come."  
--John H. Glenn, Jr. (1962)
- 13) "We cannot learn from one another until we stop shouting at one another."  
--Richard M. Nixon (1969)
- 14) "...out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness."  
--Moses proclaims the Ten Commandments

- 15) "I see the ardor for liberty catching and spreading."  
--Dr. Richard Price, in London, hails the French Revolution (November 4, 1789)
- 16) "Events, which are the arguments of God, are stronger than words, which are the arguments of men."  
--"Beveridge the Brilliant" takes up the White Man's Burden (April 27, 1898)
- 17) "It is a fearful thing to lead this great peaceful people into a war."  
--President Wilson asks Congress to Declare war against Germany (April 2, 1917)
- 18) POSSIBLE PARALLELS WITH GULF SITUATION: "When we consider these things, then the valley of the Thames draws closer to the farms of Kansas."  
--General Eisenhower conquers London (June 12, 1945)
- 19) ENVIRO: "...Nature never did betray..The heart that loved her.."  
--William Wordsworth
- 20) ENVIRO: "..Content to breathe his native air.."  
--Alexander Pope: Ode on Solitude
- 21) ENVIRO: "Our Union is river, lake, ocean and sky.."  
--O.W. Holmes, Brother Jonathan's Lament for Sister Caroline
- 22) THE VISION THING: "A vision without a task is but a dream, a task without a vision is drudgery, a vision with a task is the hope of the world."  
--Inscription on a church in Sussex, England, 1730
- 23) "Opportunity doesn't necessarily knock on the door; it may be leaning against the wall waiting to be noticed."  
--anonymous aphorism
- 24) "To look up and not down,  
To look forward and not back,  
To look out and not in, and  
To lend a hand."  
--E.E. Hale: Ten Times One Is Ten, 1870
- 25) "Laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths disclosed, and manners and opinions change with the change of circumstances, institutions must advance also, and keep pace with the times."  
--Thomas Jefferson, Letter to Samuel Kercheval, July 12, 1816.

- 26) "The Ship of Democracy..."  
--Grover Cleveland, in a letter to Wilson S. Bissell, February 15, 1894.
- 27) CONCILIATORY RETRO ON GULF DEBATE: "If our democracy is to flourish, it must have criticism; if our government is to function it must have dissent."  
--Henry Steele Commager, Freedom, Loyalty, Dissent, 1954.
- 28) EMPOWERMENT: "[The people] are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty."  
--Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to James Madison, December 20, 1787.
- 29) EMPOWERMENT: "Every government degenerates when trusted to the rulers of the people alone. The people themselves therefore are its only safe depositories."  
--Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to Abbe Arnoud, July 19, 1789.
- 30) "A democracy is peaceloving. It does not like to go to war. It is slow to rise to provocation. When it has once been provoked to the point where it must grasp the sword, it does not easily forgive its adversary for having produced the situation...Democracy fights in anger--it fights for the very reason that it was forced to go to war."  
--George F. Kennan, American Diplomacy, 1900-1950, 1951.
- 31) "One has the right to be wrong in a democracy."  
--Claude Pepper, in the Congressional Record, May 27, 1946.
- 32) "The first requisite of a good citizen in this Republic of our is that he shall be able and willing to pull his weight."  
--Theodore Roosevelt, in a speech in New York City, November 11, 1902.
- 33) EMPOWERMENT: "All the ills of democracy can be cured by more democracy."  
--Alfred E. Smith, in a speech in Albany, New York, June 27, 1933.
- 34) \*\*\*\*EMPOWERMENT: "Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved."  
--William Jennings Bryan, in a speech in Washington, D.C., February 22, 1899.

- 35) HOPE: "The longest day must have its close--the gloomiest night will wear on to a morning."  
--Harriet Beecher Stowe, Uncle Tom's Cabin, 1852.
- 36) "This day we fashion Destiny, our web of Fate we spin."  
--John Greenleaf Whittier, "The Crisis," 1848.
- 37) WE MUST THINK MORE ABOUT X, NOT Y: "If more politicians in this country were thinking about the next generation instead of the next election, it might be better for the United States and the world."  
--Claude Pepper, quoted in the Orlando Sentinel-Star, December 29, 1946.
- 38) "There are always two parties, the party of the Past and the party of the Future; the Establishment and the Movement."  
--Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Life and Letters in New England," Lectures and Biographical Sketches, 1883.
- 39) "A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman thinks of the next generation."  
--Attributed to James Freeman Clarke.
- 40) "My affections were first for my own country, and then, generally, for all mankind."  
--Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to Thomas Law, January 15, 1811.
- 41) "The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land."  
--Abraham Lincoln, in his first inaugural address, March 4, 1861.
- 42) "Patriotism is just loyalty to friends, people, families."  
--Robert Santos, quoted in Al Santoli, Everything We Had: An Oral History of the Vietnam War by Thirty-three American Soldiers Who Fought It, 1981.
- 43) LITERACY: "Books are not lumps of lifeless paper but minds alive on the shelves."  
--Gilbert Highet
- 44) When asked his secret, Wayne Gretsky replied:  
"I skate to where the puck is going to be, not where it has been."
- 45) "The game is well worth the candle that may have to be burned far into the night. There is no feeling like the feeling of success."  
--J. Paul Getty

- 46) EDUCATION: "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up."  
--Pablo Picasso
- 47) FACTOID: In 1914, the first year income tax was collected, Americans paid an average per capita tax of 41 cents--and only one percent of the population was obligated to pay taxes at all.
- 48) EDUCATION: "A book must be the axe for the frozen sea inside us."  
--Franz Kafka, Letter to Oskar Pollak, January 27, 1904.
- 49) "The war will continue to be prosecuted with vigor, as the best means of securing peace."  
--James K. Polk, Second Annual Message to Congress, December 8, 1846.
- 50) \*\*\*\* "...let every man stand to his post, and...let posterity..find our skeleton and armor on the spot where duty required us to stand."  
--Millard Fillmore, Speech at Buffalo, N.Y., April 16, 1861.
- 51) "We accepted war for humanity. We can accept no terms of peace which shall not be in the interest of humanity."  
--William McKinley, At Cedar Rapids, IA, October 11, 1906.
- 52) "[war is a]..dramatic symbol of a thousand forms of duty."  
--Woodrow Wilson, Speech at Brooklyn, NY, May 11, 1914.
- 53) "We cannot accept the doctrine that war must be forever a part of man's destiny."  
--Franklin D. Roosevelt, Campaign address at Cleveland, Ohio, November 2, 1940.
- 54) "...victory required a mighty manifestation of the most ennobling of the virtues of man--faith, courage, fortitude, sacrifice!"  
--Dwight Eisenhower, Address in Ottawa, Canada, January 10, 1946.
- 55) "Out of rubble heaps, willing hand can rebuild a better city; but out of freedom lost can stem only generations of hate and bitter struggle an brutal oppression..."  
--Dwight Eisenhower, Address at Columbia University, March 23, 1950.
- 51) "Conquest is not in our principles; it is inconsistent with our government."