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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS:

**NRSC INNER CIRCLE
PENSION BUILDING
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1992**

Thanks, Phil [Gramm]. Good to see so many friends here --
Al and Ann Simpson; Bob Kasten; ~~(Bob Dele)~~; Louis Sullivan; Wendy
[Gramm]; Members of Congress. And, a special guest in this year
of the 500th Anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America, an
original member of Columbus' welcoming committee -- Strom
Thurmond.

Above all, it's great to be here with all of you -- knowing we share the same values and vision for our country's future. These values have changed the world -- and we're going to use them now to change America.

You and I are in the midst of a battle right now -- a battle for our future. We're determined to leave our kids the best possible legacy. We want America to lead the world in good jobs with productive work. We want to remain a force for world peace and freedom. And we're fighting to protect our most basic institution -- **the family.** \\\

That's why this year of decision is so important for America. That's why these primary elections -- and November's general election -- are vital to our future. I'm asking you to get out the vote and create a resounding mandate for transforming America. Let's nominate and elect men and women who share our values. We've got much to do to get America on the right track. So I'm asking you for four more years as your President. ///

We have our work clearly cut out for us. This country was built on faith, family and freedom. We must renew those sources of our strength. Let me start by talking about the family. We know that America is first as long as we put the family first. \\\

People are coming home to the values that never left their hearts. We believe that parents, not the government, should make the decisions that truly matter in life. Parents, not government, should choose their children's schools. Parents, not government, should choose who cares for their children. Parents know better than some bureaucrat in Washington. And, yes, we believe there's a place for voluntary prayer in our children's classroom.

We will continue to fight for parents' right to choose their children's schools. School choice is at the heart of America 2000, our plan to revolutionize American education. Every child deserves an excellent school and a culture that fosters lifelong learning. I invite each of you to join the America 2000 team. \\\

In addition, we must get common sense into our welfare system -- restoring the connection between welfare and work. Americans aren't cold hearted. We're a caring people -- we support government assistance to families in need. We want to break the cycle of dependency that destroys dignity -- that passes down poverty from one generation to the next. It's wrong; it's cruel; and we're working to change it. And we want to start by tracking down the dead-beat Dads -- the ones who can't be bothered to pay child-support. \\\ We're encouraging states to

innovate with workfare, with plans that help people break welfare dependency and begin learning work skills. \\

For three years I've had to fight the liberal leadership of Congress -- and I will continue to stand for principle no matter how daunting the odds. We've fought, and we've put judges on the bench who know their role is to interpret the law -- not to legislate from the federal bench. I'm delighted that David Souter and Clarence Thomas are now members of the Supreme Court.

And another point: I'll continue to use the veto when I have to -- to stand for principle -- to stand up for family values. Sometimes over the past three years even my friends said I was flirting with defeat by casting a veto instead of cutting a deal. But we've never lost a veto fight -- and I'll never hesitate to use the veto when principle is at stake. \\

Unfortunately, once again the liberal leadership of the Congress is on a collision course with my veto. You remember I asked Congress to pass tax cuts and incentives to get the economy moving. To spur business investment and job creation, that means passing a new investment tax allowance. To get real estate up and running, that means passing incentives like our \$5,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers. Getting this economy moving again means rewarding risk to those who create jobs -- it's time to quit punishing people who create jobs -- come on, Congress, cut the tax on capital gains so we can get more businesses going.

But instead of passing my plan, the big-spending Democrats who control Congress had other ideas. They pushed through one of

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their own. Here's what's in the House-passed bill: a tiny temporary tax cut -- 25 cents -- a quarter a day in your pocket.

But here's the catch: you can keep that quarter in exchange for *a massive tax increase*. ~~\$100 billion in new taxes.~~ The Democrats call that "new revenue." I call it: "your money". \\\

If you feel the way I do, you'll tell the Democrat-controlled Congress: Keep the change -- and keep your hands off the taxpayers' wallets. \\\ And here's what I'm telling Democrat Congressional leaders: If the liberals send me their scheme, I will veto it the very day I receive it. \\\

Remember, I've set a deadline: March 20 -- a week from tomorrow. Again I say to Congress: pass our plan, get our economy moving, do something now for the American people. \\\

To complement our efforts at home, I'll make sure we keep to our course of leadership in the world economy. Trade with the world around us is absolutely vital. Remember, every billion dollars more in manufactured exports means 20,000 new jobs. \\\

But my opponents are peddling protectionism -- a retreat from economic reality. Cut through the patriotic posturing, the tough talk about "fighting back" by shutting out foreign goods. Look closely. That's not the American flag they're waving -- it's the white flag of surrender. Well, that's not the America you and I know. \\\

[Another thing about free trade -- I'll trade you two George Bush baseball cards for one of George with the Silver Fox. \\\ You know, my batting average was so bad at Yale that I had to

become President to finally get my picture on a baseball card.\\]

Now that I'm captain of the most important team of all, I know that with your help America is going to win. Never in this nation's history have we turned our backs on a challenge -- and we won't start now. \\ I believe in the American worker: level the playing field, and the American worker will out-think, out-perform and out-produce anyone, anywhere, anytime. You know what Dizzy Dean said: "It ain't bragging if you can back it up."

We can back it up because our strength comes from our values -- faith, family, and freedom. We're the world's greatest power because whenever our values are threatened, we fight to defend them. We need to keep our defenses strong. In my State of the Union Message, I proposed far-reaching, but still responsible cuts to bring our armed forces into line with the new realities of the world. But the liberals, true to form, want to put down the scalpel and pick up a meat axe. We can't let that happen. We will keep America strong -- you can count on it. \\\

As President, I have a constitutional responsibility for the national security of this country. As long as I am President, I will fight for defenses strong enough to meet our world responsibilities. We were ready when Iraq's brutal dictator invaded Kuwait, and we'll be ready when we face the next crisis.

We must let the world know this: Whatever the challenge, America will stay strong. America will win. We are the undisputed, trusted leader of the world -- and as your President, I will keep it that way. \\\

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Oakland
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Think back a year ago -- to the calm after Desert Storm. Ask any one of the proud sons and daughters of America who became liberators of Kuwait: they'll tell you military strength doesn't mean a thing without moral support right here at home.

Yes, we all know: There were those who didn't support us then -- there are those who second guess us now. But not you. When I drew that line in the sand -- you stood with me. Never would this country tuck tail and let aggression stand. America did what was right and good and just -- and America prevailed.\\\

I want you to join me in the fight we face today.. Bring that same Desert Storm spirit to solving these problems at home. Let my opponents sound the retreat -- run from the new realities, and seek refuge in a world of protectionism, high taxes and big government. Let them drone on about what's wrong in America -- It's about time somebody stood up and said what's right about our country. \\\

Let me just close with a few words from the heart. First, I think our First Lady is doing a pretty fine job for the United States of America. \\\ And Barbara and I are blessed -- blessed to serve this great nation of ours at a moment when so many of the old fears have been driven away -- and so many new hopes are within our reach. Since the day I took the oath of office I made it my duty always to try to do what is right for this country. I've given it my level best -- and I'm not done yet. \\\

You and I have more work ahead. It's a battle for our future: it's about jobs, it's about family, and it's about world

peace -- the kind of legacy we'll leave our kids. Now we're approaching an hour of decision. I ask you to help me win four more years to lead the fight for the values we share. Thank you, and God bless the United States of America.

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on cards

March 5, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR BETH HINCHLIFFE

FROM: MICHELE NIX

SUBJECT: NRSC INNER CIRCLE DINNER

On Thursday, March 12, at 6:45 p.m., the President will deliver remarks to an audience of 1200 people at the NRSC Inner Circle Dinner at the Pension Building. The President will speak before dinner. THIS IS A CLOSED PRESS EVENT. Sen. Phil Gramm and wife, Wendy, will be there. Gramm (NRSC chairman) will introduce the President. FLOTUS is expected to be there. There will be many members of Congress there also -- both congressmen and senators -- and possibly some cabinet members.

The audience is made up of the small end of the major donors -- but they are nevertheless, major donors. This group consists of doctors, lawyers, and many, many small and medium business owners. For 75-80% of the audience, this will be their first time at an NRSC Inner Circle event -- since this is the first event after one of their two yearly membership recruitment drives. There will also be some Inner Circle Life Members.

The dinner is the final event of a two-day briefing for this group. I've included an agenda for the briefing as well as some of the literature that they send out to the Inner Circle members. Throughout the two days, the members will hear from such speakers as Gramm, Sen. Dole, Secretary Alexander, and Secretary Martin.

Themes to push for this event include -- the President's vision (look at Curt's language from Columbia speech), Republicans as team, appreciate their support. Look at a few of the recent speeches we've done for the "Republicans united" kind of language we've been using. I spoke with a representative from NRSC today and she made the following points. She acknowledged that some in this group are frustrated -- they don't see the President's campaign going anywhere. They're looking for an active president. They are concerned about the economy and they need reassurance that George Bush knows where the economy is headed and where this country is headed. Buchanan is seen as a nuisance. They don't see the President exuding much leadership on the campaign trail. Also, this event occurs after Super Tuesday -- so of course we'll want to play off the good news.

Some color: The theme of the briefing is "An American Portrait." The stage and head table will be red, white, and blue.

Behind the President, there will be a banner that has a picture of the Statue of Liberty on one coast and the San Francisco Bridge on another. In between, there will be the Washington Monument, the St. Louis Arch, and a cactus or two and a Texas oil well.

The Inner Circle is now distributing a collector's edition series of George Bush baseball cards. There will be about 8 cards sent out throughout the year. Two of the cards will be at every place setting at the dinner: one has a picture of POTUS with his shirt sleeves rolled up (from the Grand Canyon trip) with the invitation for the event on back; the other has a picture of both he and FLOTUS in formal wear with a schedule of the convention on back.

**SENATORIAL INNER CIRCLE
VIP DINNER
PENSION BUILDING
MARCH 12, 1992**

SENATOR HANK AND NAN BROWN

SENATOR CONRAD AND PHYLLIS BURNS

SENATOR DAN AND MARCIA COATS

SENATOR LARRY AND SUZANNE CRAIG

SENATOR AL D'AMATO

SENATOR PETE AND NANCY DOMENICI

SENATOR SLADE GORTON

SENATOR CHUCK AND BARBARA GRASSLEY

TOMMY AND BONNIE HARTNETT

SENATOR BOB KASTEN (Head Table)

SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN

SENATOR MITCH MCCONNELL

SENATOR FRANK AND NANCY MURKOWSKI

SENATOR BOB PACKWOOD

WILLIAM AND LIBBIE REILLY

SENATOR ALAN AND ANN SIMPSON(Head Table)

SENATOR ARLEN AND JOAN SPECTER

SENATOR TED AND CATHERINE STEVENS

STEVE SYDNESS

SENATOR STEVE SYMMS AND LORETTA FULLER

SECRETARY LOUIS AND GINGER SULLIVAN

SENATOR STROM THURMOND(Head Table)

AS OF 3/11/92

Head table Guests
"All American Salute to President Bush"
Inner Circle Spring Briefing
March 12, 1992

Senator and Mrs (Ann) Simpson
Senator Bob Kasten
Senator Strom Thurmond
Senator and Mrs. (Wendy) Gramm
Senator Bob Dole-----not sure

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***THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS HAVE CONFIRMED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE PRESIDENTIAL DINNER AT THE PENSION BUILDING. THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS NUMBER WILL GROW AS WE ARE STILL RECEIVING CONFIRMATIONS.**

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March 11, 1992 11 a.m.
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Sullivan; all the other Senators and Members of Congress. And, a
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discovery of America, an original member of Columbus' welcoming
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cut And we want schools where our kids can choose to join in a voluntary prayer. You see, parents -- not some bureaucrat in Washington -- know what's best for their children. ~~A cornerstone of any community is a commitment to children and strong family.~~ Parental choice -- that's why I worked to win a child-care bill that provides parents the right to choose who provides the care. We know America is first as long as we put the family first. \\\

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You and I have more work ahead. It's a battle for our future: it's about jobs, it's about family, and it's about world peace -- the kind of legacy we'll leave our kids. Together, we've made a great beginning to renew the miracle of American enterprise -- and to strengthen our values of family, faith and freedom. Now we're approaching an hour of decision. I ask you to ~~vote in your primaries and to vote in November~~ help me win four more years to lead the fight for the values we share. \\

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

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We need some language directed to the Republican audience

(Hinchliffe/Nix)
March 6, 1992 10 a.m.
NRSC Draft One

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NRSC INNER CIRCLE DINNER
PENSION BUILDING
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1992 6:45 P.M.

Thanks, Phil. *Wendy Members of Congress* *GB Baseball Cards*
[ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, JOKES]

It's great to be here -- you're good friends of mine, of our party, and of our country -- and I'm glad to be able to thank you in person for your support. I love your theme: ~~an old-fashioned red, white and blue celebration of~~ "An American Portrait." It's good to step back and look at this nation -- really look at it. You know, we have a tremendous opportunity right now. We're closing out a familiar century, and we're about to embark on a new one filled with unimagined challenges and exciting new horizons. But before we can start to paint that America -- ~~we have to decide what we want that portrait to look like.~~

You and I want the same things for this great country and for our kids to inherit. We want an America where the streets are safe -- where we can choose our kids' day care and schools -- and where those schools offer the best possible education to make Americans competitive -- more than competitive, to make us number one again in the world.

We want an America of less government and low taxes -- one that spends our hard-earned money only for the common good.

We want an America with a health care system that gives access to the very best -- but which doesn't let the government play doctor.

We want an America dedicated to preserving the family.

Make GB sound like he already knows - he has a vision that's why he's best to lead for 4 more years.

we are number one to keep us number one. or some such language

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↓ Don't need to
2 single out
to make point.

There's a contingent out there from Missouri -- well, I've asked your great governor John Ashcroft to head up a new commission on this subject, because I believe ^{2 many? some?} all our nation's problems spring from the deterioration of the family.

Above all, we want our country to be the America of family, jobs and peace. The America of church, community and country. And we want that America to be the country of the possible dream.

~~What we have to decide is how we're going to get there. I~~
~~knew you can get discouraged when you look around. Something's~~
~~wrong in a country where a kid can get a condom but can't join~~
~~his classmates in voluntary prayer.~~

Something's wrong in a country where a cop can get punished
for trying to do his job while a criminal can go free on a
technicality.

Something's wrong in a country where dads won't coach Little League and doctors won't deliver babies for fear of lawsuits; and where welfare doesn't encourage responsibility, dignity or hope.

But, my friends, remember -- this is America. Look around you again -- and you'll realize that there's something's right in a country whose young people put their lives on hold to liberate a nation held captive. And something's right in a country where an entire population came together to support those young servicemen and women with pride.

Something's right in a country the rest of the world ^{looks} ~~turns~~
^a to as ~~the~~ symbol of freedom. Something's right in a country where the most popular song is not hate-rap, but a father-

Again, make POTUS sound like he knows how. Let him tell the audience how he'll lead.

There's 2 points here. Need to distinguish better. Or else last point gets lost.

Will audience get this? Offer example?

Need to reword because top press says it's Rodney King. Could be misinterpreted as written e.g., "where judges sent the victim and not the criminal."

Who are they? At least mention what they did do. Maybe delete

daughter duet. Something's right in a country filled with individual Points of Light helping their neighbors -- from 5-year-old Zachary Devries to 104-year-old Tero Coleman.

Something is going on too long

As I travel around, I see that something's right in a country where Americans wave the red, white and blue flag of courage -- not the white flag of surrender. And something is very, very right in a country where we're still devoted to the founding fathers' values of family, freedom and faith.

Vision! POTUS knows where it is.

If America holds fast to these truths, we'll never lose our bearings. And I know that no matter how tough times are, no matter what trials we face -- America's best day always lies ahead -- and we will ^{reach} find it together.

~~I say to you~~ I hear your uncertainty, I feel your concerns. This is what I will do. I will continue to fight for a crime bill that protects our people, that unshackles our police, and that locks criminals away where they belong.

I will continue to lead this nation toward America 2000 -- making this the Education Country.

I will remain dedicated to a health care plan that makes sense.

I will fight for liability reform, welfare reform, school choice and school prayer.

I will hold the line against a Congress ^{that} which measures progress made in dollars spent.

I will continue to fight to create and preserve jobs -- and I will continue to fight for the economy recovery proposal I set

forth in the State of the Union ^{my} -- the 7-point short-term plan to stimulate the economy right now, and the longer-term plan to keep us growing into ^{the} next century. As you know, ~~because I couldn't~~

^{New} ~~wait for Congress to act, I ^{gave Congress} set a deadline of March 20 to help them along the way.~~ But I'm sorry to see the liberal Democrats pushed through ^a plan of their own -- a tiny, temporary tax cut in exchange for ^a huge permanent tax hike. This is nothing but election-year politics as usual. Congress passed up the chance to stimulate ^{the} economy -- instead they chose a plan that will raise

the deficit, raise taxes a whopping \$100 billion, ruin our economic recovery, and not create jobs ^{on} at all. ^{And if that plan reaches} ~~And I tell you - my desk, I'll ~~not~~ be the first to use the Elvis Stamp: Return to Sender. or I will veto it. Come on, Congress - quit punishing the people who create jobs - pass my plan and cut the capital gains tax - so we can get America back to work.~~

And, above all, in my second term as your President I will continue my fight to forge a proud legacy to leave our children - a legacy of a country of freedom, family, and faith.

I've told you what I will do -- now I'll tell you what I will not do. I will not compromise my principles. I will not stop making the tough vetos against political advice. I have never succumbed and I will never succumb to those who would have us unilaterally disarm or retreat behind a wall. I will not allow this nation to settle for less than the very best.

For we are the greatest nation on earth. Communism has risen and fallen -- and through it all, America still stands tall, proud, and firm, as the best, brightest hope for our world.

You and I are part of that. And there is much we can do to make this great nation even greater -- to make our children's futures more brilliant -- to make our impact on the world even stronger. I want to do this. I want to be your President for four more years. ~~Think of what we can do together~~

Thank you again for your continued support, encouragement, and idealism. May God bless you, and this wonderful nation we share.

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National Republican Senatorial Committee
Senator Phil Gramm
Chairman

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is helpful.*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Michelle Nix
FR: Jane Smith
DT: 3-8-92
RE: The Presidents remarks at Inner Circle event

Attached please find our latest listing of VIP's who will be attending the dinner Thursday, March 12th at the Pension Building.

In addition, per your request, I've listed those who will be at the Headtable. If there are any changes I'll let you know immediately.

Also, for purposes of recognition those donor members in the audience will be; Inner Circle Members, Life Members of the Inner Circle and New Life Members of the Presidential Task Force. It would mean a great deal to these groups to be mentioned individually, as they differentiate themselves by the dollar amounts they give.

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FROM: MICHELE NIX

SUBJECT: NRSC INNER CIRCLE DINNER

On Thursday, March 12, at 6:45 p.m., the President will deliver remarks to an audience of 1200 people at the NRSC Inner Circle Dinner at the Pension Building. The President will speak before dinner. THIS IS A CLOSED PRESS EVENT. Sen. Phil Gramm and wife, Wendy, will be there. Gramm (NRSC chairman) will introduce the President. FLOTUS is expected to be there. There will be many members of Congress there also -- both congressmen and senators -- and possibly some cabinet members.

The audience is made up of the small end of the major donors -- but they are nevertheless, major donors. This group consists of doctors, lawyers, and many, many small and medium business owners. For 75-80% of the audience, this will be their first time at an NRSC Inner Circle event -- since this is the first event after one of their two yearly membership recruitment drives. There will also be some Inner Circle Life Members.

The dinner is the final event of a two-day briefing for this group. I've included an agenda for the briefing as well as some of the literature that they send out to the Inner Circle members. Throughout the two days, the members will hear from such speakers as Gramm, Sen. Dole, Secretary Alexander, and Secretary Martin.

Themes to push for this event include -- the President's vision (look at Curt's language from Columbia speech), Republicans as team, appreciate their support. Look at a few of the recent speeches we've done for the "Republicans united" kind of language we've been using. I spoke with a representative from NRSC today and she made the following points. She acknowledged that some in this group are frustrated -- they don't see the President's campaign going anywhere. They're looking for an active president. They are concerned about the economy and they need reassurance that George Bush knows where the economy is headed and where this country is headed. Buchanan is seen as a nuisance. They don't see the President exuding much leadership on the campaign trail. Also, this event occurs after Super Tuesday -- so of course we'll want to play off the good news.

Some color: The theme of the briefing is "An American Portrait." The stage and head table will be red, white, and blue.

Behind the President, there will be a banner that has a picture of the Statue of Liberty on one coast and the San Francisco Bridge on another. In between, there will be the Washington Monument, the St. Louis Arch, and a cactus or two and a Texas oil well.

The Inner Circle is now distributing a collector's edition series of George Bush baseball cards. There will be about 8 cards sent out throughout the year. Two of the cards will be at every place setting at the dinner: one has a picture of POTUS with his shirt sleeves rolled up (from the Grand Canyon trip) with the invitation for the event on back; the other has a picture of both he and FLOTUS in formal wear with a schedule of the convention on back.

National Republican Senatorial Committee
Senator Phil Gramm
Chairman

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*Michelle -
Please call if any
questions.
Thanks.*

March 5, 1992

Mr. John Sample
123 Main Street
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Dear Mr. Sample,

I'd like to invite you to an old-fashioned red, white, and blue celebration -- our 1992 Inner Circle Spring Briefing "An American Portrait" on March 11 and 12.

An American Portrait paints a Republican America full of talent and expectation for the future.

From New York to California, from Texas to Maine, Americans are challenging themselves to turn our national energy and drive into new solutions and real election returns for America.

As an Inner Circle Member, you know what it takes to steer America onto a promising course...

...And you'll have the opportunity to make your opinions known as you gather with national policy makers in Washington, D.C.

You'll talk with Republican Senators like Al D'Amato of New York, Bob Dole of Kansas, John Seymour of California, and Bob Packwood of Oregon.

You'll also meet challenger candidates like former Congressman Tom Harnett of South Carolina, City Commissioner Steve Sydness of North Dakota, and businessman and former White House aide Rich Williamson of Illinois.

Most important, you'll have an opportunity to join in telling George Bush how much we appreciate him and everything he's doing for America as the Inner Circle gathers for an All American Salute to President Bush.

An American Portrait is a fitting beginning to this Presidential and Senatorial election year. It provides the perfect opportunity for you to get in on the ground floor of these important campaigns before the Republican National Convention in Houston this August.

But I hope you'll make plans to join us for An American Portrait now. Due to space limitations for our All American Salute to President Bush, I must know immediately whether you will be able to join us.

In making your decision, keep in mind that this will be the only quality time President Bush will spend directly with the Inner Circle before the campaigns really heat up. Thus, I'm counting on every member to join in making this event a huge success.

Please see the enclosed agenda for the complete details of An American Portrait and for information about air travel and hotel accommodations.

Then, to confirm your attendance at the 1992 Spring Briefing, please fill out the enclosed registration form and return it to me today with your conference fee of \$256 per Inner Circle member (\$512 per couple).

If you can't be with us in person to join in honoring our President, I hope you'll send a special contribution to help kickoff the 1992 campaigns. With two races in California and a race in New York among the thirty-five Senate campaigns this year, the Inner Circle must raise more than \$6 million to ensure our candidates the resources needed to run competitive campaigns.

Your membership in the Inner Circle permits you to play an important role in shaping the future of our Party and our nation.

So please, make plans today to join us in Washington for An American Portrait and our special All American Salute to George Bush.

I look forward to seeing you on March 11 and 12.

Yours respectfully,

Senator Phil Gramm
Chairman

P.S. Please R.S.V.P. today and tell us whether you will be able to attend. If you can't be with us, please consider sending a contribution of \$250 or \$500 to show the President and our Senate candidates that you're behind them 100%! Thank you.

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**REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL INNER CIRCLE
SPRING BRIEFING
"AN AMERICAN PORTRAIT: THE 1992 CHALLENGE"
MARCH 11 & 12, 1992
RAMADA RENAISSANCE**

Wednesday, March 11, 1992

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **REGISTRATION**
Grand Hyatt
Independence BCDE & Corridor

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **WELCOME RECEPTION**
"A Republican America"
Renaissance Ballroom
Host: Senator Phil Gramm, Inner Circle Chairman
Invited Guests:
Cabinet Members, White House Officials,
United States Senators

Thursday, March 12, 1992

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **LATE REGISTRATION**

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. **BREAKFAST**
Invited Guest:
LYNN MARTIN
SECRETARY OF LABOR
Grand Ballroom North & Central

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. **CANDIDATE BRIEFINGS**
"The 1992 Challenge: Race for the Senate"
East Salon
Auditorium

East Salon
Senator Al D'amato, New York
TOM HARTNETT, SOUTH CAROLINA
SENATOR ARLEN SPECTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Auditorium
SENATOR KIT BOND, MISSOURI
SENATOR DON NICKLES, OKLAHOMA

8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **BREAK**
East Salon Foyer

Auditorium Foyer

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

CAMPAIGN BRIEFING
"Campaign Analysis:
Race for the Presidency"
East Salon
Auditorium

East Salon

10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

BOBBY HOLT

10:20 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

ED GOEAS

10:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

GREG STEVENSAuditorium

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

ALEX CASTELLANOS

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

ANDY CARD

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

RECEPTION
Grand Ballroom North Pre-Function

12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

LUNCHEON
"An American Portrait"
Grand Ballroom North & Central
SENATOR BOB DOLE - KANSAS

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**DOMESTIC ISSUE PANEL: Education, Housing, Health
Labor**
"Setting America's Objectives for Today and Tomorrow"
East Salon
Auditorium

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

East Salon

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Auditorium
SENATOR DAN COATS, INDIANA

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

DOMESTIC ISSUE PANEL: Banking, Trade, Economy
"Addressing America's Domestic Policy"
East Salon
Auditorium

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

East Salon
SENATOR JAKE GARN, UTAH
SENATOR FRANK MURKOWSKI, ALASKA
DR. RICHARD LESHER

U.S. Chamber of Commerce President

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Auditorium**ANNE BRUNSDALE,****Vice Chairman, International Trade
Commission****SENATOR PETE DOMEMICI, NEW MEXICO**

6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

ALL AMERICAN SALUTE TO PRESIDENT BUSH**National Building Museum****Pension Building****Judiciary Square, N.W.****Keynote Speaker: President George Bush****Invited Guests:****Cabinet Members, White House Officials,****United States Senators**

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March 4, 1992
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HOME BUILDERS MEETING
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1992
10:30 A.M.

Rusty [[DePass]], it's great to see you. / Richard Sandler
-- congratulations on your and Carolyn's 26th wedding
anniversary. Governor Campbell, we're grateful for your
hospitality -- for your leadership as one of America's greatest
Governors. / I am proud Carroll Campbell will serve as National
Co-Chairman of the campaign and once again as Southern Regional
Chairman. // [[Other acknowledgements to come.]]

America still remembers the strength and resilience shown by
South Carolina during "Hurricane Hugo." I promise not to be
quite that windy today. / It's great to be back in this state
where victory is in the air. //

Then, it'll be on to the fall -- where already there's a
battle shaping up. / ((Both sides will go on the offensive and go
all out. In the end there'll be only one winner. I just don't
know if it'll be the Gamecocks or the Tigers.)) //

I'm going to ask each of them what today I ask of you: Help
me finish what we've started and move our country forward. Help
me win the Presidency for four more years. //

I ask your support for the simplest reason. We believe in
the same things -- jobs, family, peace -- the important things.

We know that taxes are too high -- because our government is
too big and spends too much./ We believe in faith and family --

responsibility and respect -- community and country -- a strong defense and a strong economy. / We know that we put America first when we put America's families first. //

So often politicians do the easy things -- the popular things. But it's the tough things that tell you something about character and honor. / Anyone can demagogue -- but Presidents must make decisions. / So let me tell you what has guided me as I've tried to do for America what is right, and true.

I learned a great deal when I was young from the greatest teachers I've ever had. My parents. / I still recall how whenever I'd brag on something I did in baseball or -- less often -- school, my mother would use words from the Protestant hymn: "Now, George, none of this 'How great thou art.'" //

At church, at dinner, in political talks with my dad, I learned that life means nothing without fidelity to principle. It's what I believed as a soldier in World War II, as a businessman, and now as your President. It's why, for instance, I've vetoed 26 bills in my Administration -- and I'm proud to say none were overridden. //

Some of these bills were popular -- but all were ill-advised. Some would have raised spending, harmed the taxpayer, or hurt America's general interest by appealing to special interests and violating fundamental principles. The Presidency is not a popularity contest. I think you elect a President to say what America needs to hear even when it's not what people want to hear.

Carroll Campbell knows what I'm talking about. So does that great favorite son of South Carolina, Strom Thurmond. / ((Strom was reminding me that 1992 is the 500th anniversary of our discovery. What a sight it must have been when Columbus first came ashore, and Strom was there to greet him.)) / Like me, they believe in eternal truths that don't change. / So did another South Carolinian, a good man -- Columbia's Lee Atwater. / All of us know how values guide each of us each day of every year. //

It's these things that have helped bring America to a new world -- a new era in our history. The Cold War is over -- and America won. / The Soviet Union collapsed -- and Communism is a four-letter word: D-E-A-D -- dead. American leadership changed the world. Republican leadership will change America. /

We believe that parents -- not the government -- should make the decisions that matter in life. / Parents -- not government -- should choose their children's schools. / Parents -- not government -- should choose who cares for their children -- parents know better than some bureaucrat in Washington, D.C. / And, yes, we believe there's a place for voluntary prayer in our children's classrooms. //

We've got to reform America's health care system. Right now, the quality of American health care is the best in the world -- bar none. The problem is access: too many Americans, many with families, do not have health insurance coverage. And you know how even a short stay in the hospital can rip a hole right through a family's budget. //

But socialized medicine isn't the answer. If we wanted long lines and revolving-door health care, we'd put our doctors to work at the Department of Motor Vehicles. / Nationalized health care would be a national disaster. The last thing we want is the government playing doctor. //

We've got to reform our country's legal system. The home of the free has become the land of the lawsuit. / When you're as likely to serve your neighbor a subpoena as a cup of coffee -- something's wrong. We won't turn this mess around until we spend as much time helping one another as we do suing each other. //

And we've got to reform our welfare system -- make a connection between welfare and work. Yes, Americans care: They will support welfare for families in need. But Americans want to see government at every level work together to track down the dead-beat Dads -- the ones who can't be bothered to pay child-support. They want to see us break the cycle of dependency that destroys dignity -- passes down poverty from one generation to the next. That's wrong. That's cruel. And we're going to change it.

This brings me to America's number one issue -- the economy -- and how we change it. / We must help people worried about providing for their families / meeting the challenges of paying the bills, providing a home, and setting aside for retirement. // So let me take a page from Richard Sendler's book -- and tell it like it is. My program will put America back to work. //

There are many differences between the Republican presidential candidates. Here's one: Only I've started a business from the ground up. I know what it means to meet a payroll / balance a budget / help hard-working people put food on the table. / That's why in my State of the Union, I put forth a two-part plan that will say, like the South's own Richard Petty: "U.S. economy, start your engines." /

The first part of my plan aims to get business growing -- right now. I want an investment tax allowance. I want Congress to quit punishing people who create jobs: Cut the tax on capital gains. Then, there's the proposal that can help get the housing market going again -- a \$5,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers -- money that will help people buy a first home. Here's what our \$5,000 tax credit will mean to South Carolina: 3,400 housing starts; 6,600 jobs. If Congress passes my plan, the National Association of Home Builders predicts 415,000 new construction industry jobs / and \$20 billion in new economic activity across America. My plan will help people like the Greater Columbia Home Builders sell and build homes. And for the family looking to buy that first home, that \$5,000 credit means eight months of mortgage payments on the average South Carolina home.

Sadly, the liberal crowd that controls Congress doesn't seem to understand the things that matter to you -- your home / your business / taking care of your kids. Otherwise, last week House Democrats wouldn't have passed a bill which reminds me of the old

joke: "It'll make builders sleep like babies -- they'll wake up every hour and cry." / Listen to their deal: 25 cents a day in temporary tax relief for two years -- paid for by a large permanent tax increase. Over in the Senate, the bill the Democrats are working on is not much better than the one in the House. Its centerpiece is a huge tax increase. The last thing our economy needs now is a 100 billion dollar tax hike. //

We drew a line in the sand in the Persian Gulf and kept our word. I'll draw another line in the sand right now. If the Democrats send me a monstrosity like the House bill, I will veto that bill the minute it hits my desk. //

Our plan has two parts. I also call on Congress to pass the second part of my economic plan now -- things like education reform / support for enhanced research and development / and a \$500 tax deduction to strengthen the family.

We must make America more competitive in the 21st Century - - helping us lead economically abroad so that we can succeed economically at home. //

Some, of course, don't want us to lead. They want to build a fence around America. / Tell that to South Carolina. / Here are an estimated 125,000 trade-related jobs. By closing our borders -- as my opponents want -- we'd put those people out of work. / The U.S. trying to build prosperity by turning its back on the world is like you trying to build prosperity without hammers and nails. Call it protectionism or isolationism: Both mean surrender. / Look closely. That's not the American flag

they're waving. It's the white flag of surrender -- and that's not the America I know. //

But that playing field has to be level -- fair trade is the priority. So I am going to fight hard to open markets for our exports all around the world. That's the way to fight for South Carolina jobs and South Carolina families. //

Recently, Barbara and I saw a movie based on a book set in South Carolina, The Prince of Tides, where the author writes of "the Southern way of the spirit." / To me, the Southern spirit is optimistic, confident, and patriotic. You never run this country down. / And I think you'd agree that sometimes it's important to talk a little about what is right in America. And there's plenty to talk about. //

I have been given everything by America. A wonderful wife / 5 terrific kids / 12 great grandkids. / Now, it's my turn to give back. You may not always agree with me -- I know that, respect it. But I know you'll agree that decisions must stem from principle. Help me use those principles to serve America's good, decent people -- people who know what America is, and means. //

Yes, we have much to do. But I guarantee you we'll get the job done. / Yes, we have challenges before us. But I guarantee you, we will meet them head-on -- each and every one. /

Yes, there's an election in November -- and I guarantee you, we will win it. I ask for your help to keep our party strong and united. I want to be your president for four more years. / Thank you and God bless the United States of America.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Atlanta, Georgia)

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN ADDRESS TO GEORGIA GOP MEMBERS

Marriott Marquis Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

2:25 P.M. EST

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Alec. Thank you, Newt. And thank all of you. Let me single out our Chairman, Alec Pointevient, and thank him for his leadership of this obviously activated, insurgent and wonderful Georgia Republican Party. (Applause.) And may I -- get to Newt in a minute -- but may I salute the members of the Georgia General Assembly that are here; my old friend, Senator Mack Mattingly, who is sorely missed in the United States Senate, I might add. (Applause.)

And I understand that Savannah's Mayor is here, and I look forward to being with Susan Weiner tomorrow as well. (Applause.) And I thank our National Committeewoman, Carolyn Meadows; and our Georgia Campaign Chairman, my old friend, Fred Cooper, who is over here somewhere -- but doing a great job. (Applause.)

And as for Newt, there is no one quite like him. (Laughter and applause.) Let me simply say he is, as you know, clearly one of the very, very top leaders of the Republican Party nationally, and I am very grateful to him for the steadfast support and leadership that we get on Capitol Hill. Every single day that I work with him and with Bob Michel, I'm saying to myself: We have got to take the message to the people in fall to get more Republicans in the Senate and get more Republicans in the House of Representatives. If you want change, that's the kind of change we need. (Applause.)

And my thanks to all of you for coming to Atlanta from all over -- Macon to Marietta, from the four corners of this great state.

This gathering marks a great triumph. You look around this room, and I think it's just clear how far we've come. It must be something about the Republican Party and red clay. (Laughter.) In this state and all across the South, the Republican Party is here to stay. And that is what this meeting is about. And that's what the votes in this state are all about. (Applause.)

And with this rise comes a new generation of Georgia Republicans -- the reformers, who are trying to teach Washington, D.C. the wisdom of their ways. And I'm talking, of course, about Newt Gingrich and Mack, and about Bo Callaway and thinking back -- think about Lou Sullivan now. And when we call the roll, let's not forget Pin Point's favorite son -- Supreme Court Justice of the United States Clarence Thomas. And I'm proud I named him to that Court. (Applause.)

Our party prospers here because the great strengths of the Republican Party are the great strengths of the South: bedrock

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belief in family and in faith, community and country; the virtues of hard work and humble worship; the willingness to sacrifice for country in times of war and to help others in times of peace. These are the beliefs that sustain us. It's our commitment to family, to jobs, to peace that inspires us.

And all across America, these values are growing stronger -- coming back by popular demand. And as a nation, we've begun to see in these values a solution to so many of the crises that plague our cities and our schools and our streets.

People are coming home to the values that never left their hearts. We believe that parents, not the government, should make the decisions that truly matter in life. Parents, not government, should choose their children's schools. (Applause.) Parents, not government, should choose who cares for their children. Parents know better than some bureaucrat in Washington, D.C. And, yes, we believe there's a place for voluntary prayer in our children's classroom. (Applause.)

And we believe America's first so long as we put family first. And these bedrock beliefs, they don't fade with age. They don't change from one election to the next. They are the home truths that call this nation forward to greatness. And if America holds fast to these truths, we'll never lose our bearings.

And still, right now there's no denying it, in too many ways we're going down the wrong track. We've got to reform our legal system. The home of the free has become the land of the lawsuit. And we've got to end that. (Applause.)

And that's why we sent up a bill to the Congress to stop these frivolous lawsuits -- nuisance suits sap our economy and tear its social fabric of our society. And when you're as likely to serve your neighbor a subpoena as a cup of coffee, something's gone wrong. (Laughter and applause.) And when doctors won't deliver babies and dads won't coach Little League for fear of lawsuits, something's wrong. (Applause.) And America won't find its way out of this mess until we spend more time helping one another than we do suing one another. (Applause.) We need more people like Newt Gingrich in the Congress to support reform legislation in terms of these vicious and outrageous lawsuits. We've got to reform this nation's health care system.

Right now, the quality of American health care is the best in the entire world, make no mistake about it. The problem is access. Too many Americans with families do not have health insurance coverage. And you know how even a short stay in the hospital can rip a hole right through the family's budget.

Well, all Americans deserve quality health care and a sense of well-being. But socialized medicine is not the answer. And I will fight against those plans. (Applause.) We have a good, specific plan. And my plan focuses on opening up access to health insurance for all Americans, rich and poor. And if we wanted long lines and revolving door health, we'd put our doctors to work at the Department of Motor Vehicles. The last thing we want is the government playing doctor. And you listen to the campaign plans on the other side, and you'll know exactly what I mean. (Applause.) And I will continue to fight for health care for all, and I will fight against those astronomically expensive schemes to socialize American health care. (Applause.)

We've got to reform our welfare system. People are willing to support benefits for families in need -- of course, they are. And, yes, Americans care. We always have, we always will. But they want to see some connection between welfare and work. And they want to see government at every level work together to track down the deadbeat dads -- the ones who can't be bothered to pay child support.

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(Applause.) And they want to see us break the cycle -- that dreadful cycle of dependency that destroys dignity and passes down poverty from one generation to the next.

Think about it. Think about a young child born into that -- it's wrong. It's cruel. We've got to do something to change it.

A number one issue today, though, is the economy. I think we all know that. It's jobs. And that's what's keeping people up late at night worrying about how they're going to pay the bills and put food on the table, care for their kids and still manage to put away something for their own retirement.

We've got to get this economy moving. And Americans want to work. They want the opportunity to earn more money. And that's why in my State of the Union address I laid out a two-part plan to spark economic recovery, to create jobs -- a seven-point, short-term plan to stimulate the economy as early as this spring. And then a longer-term plan to keep America growing tomorrow and into the next century.

And because I knew I couldn't wait for Congress to act, I set a deadline to help them along the way. And that's why I was sorry to see what the House Democrats did this past Thursday -- instead of working on my plan, liberal Democrats pushed through one of their own. And true to its form, it's a tiny, temporary tax cut in exchange for a huge permanent tax hike.

And to play election-year politics as usual, they passed up a chance to stimulate the economy. And the plan they passed will raise the deficit, raise taxes a whopping \$100 billion and ruin our economic recovery, and worst of all, it will not create jobs at all. And so, let me end the suspense. If that plan reaches my desk, I will veto it instantly, and send it right back up to Capitol Hill. (Applause.)

And, frankly, there's even greater danger here. If the liberal Democrats ever decide to make that two-bit tax cut permanent, they'd have to jack up -- and I think Newt expressed this on the floor; certainly I've heard him speak about it -- they'd have to jack up the tax rate for every American making more than \$35,000 a year. You heard it right -- \$35,000 -- for a plan that's supposed to help the middle class. And that's going to come as real news to a lot of factory workers and hard-working school teachers, people you know, everyday Americans struggling to make ends meet.

Let's face it, when that tax-and-spend crowd talks about taking aim at the champagne and caviar set, it's middle America that always take the hit. And the liberals are going to tax that middle class for the same reason that Willie Sutton robbed banks, because that's where the money is. So do not listen to this silly campaign rhetoric out there. (Applause.)

Ask any economist and they'll tell you the quickest way to cut this recovery off at its knees is to raise taxes. And if they're serious about this recovery, Congress must pass my plan. My plan contains an investment tax allowance to create incentives for American businesses to buy new equipment and then hire more workers, to bolster sagging real estate markets. This plan will give the first-time homebuyer a \$5,000 tax credit to help them with that down payment. For families here in the Atlanta area, that credit is worth six months' mortgage payments on the average Atlanta home.

And let me say to these opponents of mine: No one is fooled by your paying lip service to competitiveness and practicing class warfare. Quit punishing the people who create jobs and pass my plan and cut the capital gains tax -- cut it down so we can get America back to work. (Applause.)

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My plan really, if you look at it, you'll see that it's shaped to meet the new economic realities -- realities that have helped make Atlanta the South's great international city. And come 1996, Atlanta comes of age as America's very own Olympic city. And that's going to be just great. (Applause.)

There's a popular saying: When I pass into the hereafter, I don't know if I'll be going up or down, but wherever I go, I'll change planes in Atlanta. (Laughter.) They're going to see that one in 1996.

You know, Georgia's unemployment rate is low. But I'm sure Georgians know the actions we take now affect our economic health for the long term. We're working to expand trade. We're working to open markets all over the world to American products. That was my mission when I went to Asia. It's what our trade teams push for every time they sit down at the negotiating table. And if we want to ensure good jobs for the future, we've got to work for free trade now.

The truth is, if we want to succeed economically at home, we have got to lead economically abroad. Right here in Georgia, in the past three years, manufacturing exports have almost doubled. Today, an estimated 165,000 Georgia jobs are tied to trade.

So get past all the tough talk out there, all the patriotic posturing about fighting back by shutting out foreign goods. And if this country starts closing its markets, other countries will close theirs. And when that happened, who gets hurt? Easy -- we do. Our economy does. The workers in the State of Georgia do.

But my opponents aren't about to let fact intrude on fantasy. They're peddling protectionism -- a retreat from economic reality into a dangerous pre-World War II isolationism. Look closely, that's not the American flag they're waving, it's the white flag of surrender. And that's not the America you and I know. And I will veto any protection legislation that comes to the White House from this protectionist Congress. (Applause.)

The bottom line is we do not run and we do not cut out -- we compete. And never in this nation's long history have we turned our backs on a challenge. And we're not going to start now. I've put my faith in the American worker -- level the playing field and the American worker will outthink, outproduce, outperform anyone, anywhere, anytime. (Applause.)

And I say let the world know we are in it to win. Don't listen to those talking heads out there, the folks who can't seem to feel good unless they've got something bad to say about our great country. If you think I feel strongly about this one, you ought to hear Barbara Bush, the Silver Fox, speak about it. (Laughter and applause.) She wouldn't even let me listen to the TV news last night. There's a lot of gloom and doom out there.

America isn't a nation that gets ahead by tearing down others. Time after time, America's been called upon, and time after time America has met the challenge. And this time America will do it again.

Think back to one year ago today, to the calm after Desert Storm. Ask anyone of the proud sons and daughters of Georgia who became a liberator of Kuwait and they'll tell you military strength is nothing without moral support right here at home.

I won't ever forget my visit during those difficult times to Ft. Stewart, Georgia. The wives and parents that I talked to, the people who -- their loved ones in harm's way still told me

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this: America must do what is right. And their quiet courage and their patriotism said it all to me. It was an emotional time I'll tell you. And never would this country tuck tail and let aggression stand. America would do what was right and good and just and America would prevail.

And there were those who didn't support us then and there are those who second-guess us now. But not the good people of Georgia. In those difficult days when our kids laid it all on the line, this state, its young men and women never wavered. Because, you see, Georgia kept the faith. And we're bringing that same spirit to the fight we face today.

From next Tuesday through the first Tuesday in November, we are going to take our message all across the country. You don't have to be a negative message. You don't have to always be saying something bad about somebody else. We've got lots to be proud of, lots to advocate, lots to be for.

So if you want to send a message to Washington, send this President back for four more years and send -- (applause) --

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Send more good Georgia Republicans to Congress to help out this leader right here. (Applause.)

Let me close with just a couple of words right from the heart. Barbara and I are blessed. We are blessed to serve at this moment in time when so many of the old fears have been driven away. When so many new hopes stand within our reach. And since the day I took the Oath of Office I made it my duty always to try to do what is right for this country. I have given it my best, I have done my level-best, and I'm not done yet.

And I ask the good people of Georgia -- together we've got a lot to be proud of. I take particular pride that the young people in this country go to bed at night not worrying about nuclear holocaust. I think that's something good, and something strong and says something wonderful about our -- what's happened in the last few years. (Applause.)

But my pitch to you, the leaders of this great state, is unashamedly this: Together we have made a great beginning; now, you give me four more years to finish the job.

Thank you all for this warm welcome. And may God bless the United States of America. (Applause.) And be sure to get to the polls next Tuesday. (Applause.) Many, many thanks. (Applause.)

Q Amen. Georgia's Bush Country. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very, very much.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Tampa, Florida)

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March 4, 1992

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT BUSH-QUAYLE '92 FUNDRAISER

Omni Westshore Hotel Ballroom
Tampa, Florida

1:30 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, General. Thank you all very, very much. Thank you so much. I will have a word more to say about the introducer in just a minute. But thank you all so much for that warm welcome back. May I thank -- well, I want to thank a lot of people -- everybody in this audience. But I think of Alec Courtelis, our campaign's National Finance Cochairman; Zach Zachariah, who has done a great job as our Chairman here in this wonderful state. I don't think it's out of order to salute my Florida Chairman, Jeb Bush. (Laughter and applause.) And, of course, our Florida State Chairman, Van Poole, a friend of long, long-standing.

Mike Bilirakis is not with us, the Congressman; but he and I and Evelyn, his wife -- I think she is here -- we were at the Strawberry Festival. I've eaten my second high-calorie dessert in three hours. But that was a wonderful occasion. And Senator Hawkins, Paula Hawkins, former Senator, is with us; and, of course, Al Austin, who has been at my side in his most unselfish, productive way over and over again. Al, I'm very grateful to you, sir. (Applause.)

Now a quick word about the introducer -- Tampa's favorite son, America's hero. Last year, when General Scowcroft -- General Scowcroft -- sorry -- (laughter) -- Brent will be thrilled. (Laughter.) When General Schwarzkopf commanded the largest Allied fighting force since World War II, he earned a lasting place of greatness in the history of our time. There is no question of that place in greatness. It is going to be there. The revisionists can look and figure and debate; but it was a clear, wonderful victory led by an outstanding soldier. (Applause.)

This General led a group of fighting men and women, he has told me -- Colin Powell has told me about the merits of these young fighters. They included, incidentally, almost 8,000 Florida Reservists and 1500 Florida Guardsmen and thousands more Sailors and Airmen from the bases around Florida; and, of course, the mighty force of Tampa's own Central Command.

And I am so proud of General Schwarzkopf and all the men and women that he commanded. And they all said -- all of us who looked at them say, with your sacrifice, with your courage, with your selfless service, you told the world that the United States of America will never tuck tail and let aggression stand. And you showed that we will do what is right and just, and in so doing, we will prevail.

When you and those troops laid it all on the line, the people of this state never wavered. And for this, I want to express to all the people: Heck with party, heck with political ideology. All of the people in this state, my profound thanks for this steadfast and loyal support in troubled times. Thank you, Florida, and thank you to the people of Florida. And thank you, most of all, General Schwarzkopf. (Applause.)

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Now to the politics at hand. We had a good day yesterday. You may have trouble reading that, but we had a very good day yesterday. (Laughter.) Somebody asked me what does it take to win? And I say to them, I can't remember, what did it take to win the Super Bowl? Or maybe Steinbrenner, my friend George will tell us what it takes for the Yanks to win. One run.

But I went to the Strawberry Festival this morning and ate a piece of shortcake over there. Able to enjoy it right away. And once I completed it, it didn't have to be approved by Congress, so I just went ahead and ate it. (Laughter and applause.) That leads me into what I want to talk about today. (Applause.)

We've got a lot to do in these next few months, because really we've got a lot to do in the next few years. And I am convinced that together, and I am so grateful for your support, that we can finish what we've started and move this country forward. And to do that, I need your support: Help me win the presidency for four more years. (Applause.)

And I ask for your support for the simplest of reasons: I think we believe in the same things, in the same values, the same important things. We know that taxes are too high because our government is too big and it spends too much. And we believe in a strong defense. And you listen to the proposals in Washington today. They have all these big spendthrift, political programs. And how are they going to take it? They're going to take it right out of the muscle of the defense of this country and I am not going to permit that as President of the United States. (Applause.)

We believe in faith and family, responsibility and respect. We believe in community and, of course, country. And we believe there's a place for getting these values back. I happen to believe there's a place for voluntary prayer in our children's classrooms, and I'd like to see it back. (Applause.)

I'm firmly convinced of this, that we put America first when we put America's families first. So often today, politicians can do the easy thing, the popular thing. But it's the tough decisions that tell you something about character and principle. For I believe in things that don't change from one election to the next, things that guide each and every one of us each day of the year. And I believe in things that have led us to a new era in America's history, the important -- fundamentally important things. I mentioned family, but certainly world peace, certainly jobs.

The Cold War is over, and if you want to count your blessings, there's one: The Cold War is over and America won and the Soviet Union collapsed. (Applause.) The Soviet Union collapsed and the imperial communism, the communism without reach, is finished. It's dead all around the world. So make no mistake about it.

As a result of this tremendous victory in Desert Storm, our credibility as a country has never ever been higher around the world. And it was our leadership that changed the world. And now what I want to do is see us come together, men and women of this great city, all across our country, come together and use that same spirit, that same leadership to change America.

We are changing it by setting right what is simply on the wrong track in our country. Take our courts, for example. When the rights of the criminal are more important than the rights of the victim, that's wrong. And I'm proud of our tough stand on crime and I'm proud of our judicial appointments, judges who interpret and do not legislate from the federal bench. (Applause.)

And when fathers stop coaching Little League because they're afraid of liability lawsuits, that, too, is wrong. And, so, we've proposed reforms to our court system to reduce the number of

frivolous lawsuits. (Applause.) I don't want to get into any trouble with the Bar Association around here, but I once quoted to someone that line, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." And he said, "Yeah, well what works for lawyers?" (Laughter.)

Legal reform will help our legal process work. But, you know, the real answer for solving problems is to be more concerned with helping each other than suing each other. That seems to me a fundamental American principle.

Well, look, we can't stop there. More than our court system needs reform -- like our health care system. This is one of great concern to the people of Florida, not because it doesn't offer the world's best quality health care. It does. I think we'd all agree we are blessed by the best quality health care in the world. We must reform the system because too many people do not have access to insurance. And all Americans deserve quality health care in the sense of well-being that it brings.

And too many people worry that they'll lose their insurance if they change jobs or, worse still, if they lose their job. And anybody who's had even minor surgery knows that health care costs are going right through the roof. Well, you know the problem, but what's the solution? I can tell you what it's not first. It is not to go down the road of nationalized or socialized, expensive programs that we hear from the Democratic side. (Applause.)

All that means -- you look at those other programs over there -- all that means is long lines and impersonal service. Well, look, you can go down to the Department of Motor Vehicles for that, you don't have to go change the medical system. (Laughter.) So our approach -- make insurance available to all; keep the quality high the bureaucracy low and preserve choice for the patient.

And the last thing we want and need in this country is for the government telling you who your doctor is going to be. Health care reform means improving the system, and that is what I'm attempting to do with this new comprehensive health care program that we have now.

There's another system where reform means changing the system, and I'm talking about the welfare system. Let's face it: Too often that system perpetuates dependency instead of personal responsibility and the dignity of a job. Too often kids are born into yet another generation of despair -- no hope, no dignity, simply another generation of welfare recipients. And we've got to change that. I've asked the departments and agencies to make it easier for the state and local governments to promote policies that protect and strengthen families. And we do that through what we call a much more flexible waiver system.

We need to help make families whole. Help bring dignity back into their lives and go after the deadbeat fathers who run out on their kids. That's what we need to be doing in reforming and strengthening the welfare system in this country.

We all know when it gets down to -- certainly it's true now -- Al and I were talking about it at lunch -- you can read it in these primary elections across the country -- we all know that the number one issue on the minds of all Americans is the economy and jobs. People worried about providing for their families, meeting the everyday challenges of paying their bills, providing a home, teaching their kids and setting aside for retirement. People are worried. Those that have a job, white-collar job, perhaps, wonder whether they'll have it tomorrow.

The American people want this economy to work. They want it to create -- preserve jobs. So in my State of the Union address I put forward a two-part plan. And the first part will get

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business stimulated right now. It would bring confidence back now; upgrading plant and equipment again; hiring workers again. And it uses incentives like the investment tax allowance, rapid depreciation. It calls for Congress to wake up and understand how the real world works and create jobs by cutting the tax on capital gains.

To get housing back on its feet, I unveiled several common-sense proposals to get people buying and building homes. And these proposals will create, in Florida alone, an estimated \$26,500 additional housing starts and 51,000 new construction jobs. Perhaps the most easily understood proposal along those lines is a \$5,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers. And with our plan, young people almost able to buy that first home could do it with that extra \$5,000 in their pockets. This is good. This is stimulative. This will work. This will restore confidence. (Applause.)

I hate to be critical at a wonderfully-nonpartisan lunch like this. But a word about the Democrats' plan: It's a rip-off. (Laughter.) I've studied it; I've considered it carefully. It's a rip-off. Listen to the deal: Twenty-five cents a day in temporary tax relief for two years, for individuals, paid for, typically, by a large, permanent tax increase. And over in the Senate, the bill the Democrats are working on is not much better than the one in the House. Its centerpiece is a huge tax increase. And the last thing our economy needs now is \$100-billion tax hike.

And we drew a line in the sand in the Persian Gulf and kept our word. And I'll draw another line in the sand right now: If the Democrats send me a monstrosity like the bill that passed through the House, I will send it right back vetoing it the day I get it. (Applause.) We are not going to let that happen to the taxpayer in this country. (Applause.)

And they ought to pass this plan and pass it soon to make our country more competitive. And here's the deadline: March 20th, the first day of spring. What a glorious day for some action out of the United States Congress. Just pass the plan and get this economy moving again. That's my charge to them, and if they don't do it, then we'll have to see what happens after the 20th. But I'll tell you -- I think the American people want to say, set politics aside for a minute, pass the President's plan, and then they and I can go to general quarters and fight each other all the way to the fall playing politics. Right now, the American people need action that will stimulate this economy. (Applause.)

There's a broader gauge. The second part of the plan, road map to make America competitive in this fast-changing world of ours. Our plan revolutionizes the American education system. None too soon. We've got a brilliant program called America 2000. Doesn't fine-tune, it just revolutionizes the education system in this country. Broad support from the Democratic governors, Republican governors alike.

I was reading that the average eighth-grader spends four times as much time watching TV as doing homework. And that is wrong. And we can help change that by making our education system demand responsibility and demand results. Our plan will also get the billions of dollars' worth of government R & D, research and development, more quickly into the hands of our private-sector businesses and workers. That's the second part of this longer-term plan. Get spectacular technological advances off the shelf and into the marketplace. We're turning to the federal labs now and working partnerships with business to get that genius, that inventive genius in those labs applied to U.S. commercial technology. Get those advances off the shelf and into the marketplace. And that's going to produce a real return on your tax dollars investment -- helping to create new products, helping to create new jobs.

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The plan provides tax relief to strengthen the family. We raise the tax deduction for children by \$500. And make no mistake about it: I want all of this plan passed now. I want it passed as soon as possible. Behind all of this is a very important decision for America. To succeed economically at home, we have to lead economically abroad. Some don't want us to lead. Some don't think we can compete. They want us to shut out the rest of the world. Well, those people could not be more wrong.

Look over your shoulders to the '30s, to the days of protection and isolation and America first in that sense. Look what happened to this country. Markets shrunk and we ended up in the worst depression the world has seen certainly in modern times.

They couldn't be more wrong. More than 200,000 workers in Florida owe their jobs to manufactured exports. Last year alone, more than \$5 billion in exports went out through the Tampa Customs District. The way to create jobs here isn't to cut and run, and we're not going to do that -- ever. The way to create jobs is by opening markets -- opening markets for exports everywhere in the world. And I'm going to fight hard in every foreign market to do that, and I'm going to resist -- I don't care about the politics -- I am going to resist the siren's call for protection. It is not good for America. We are the leaders of the world, not in retreat. (Applause.)

And I'm going to fight hard, lastly, in every primary -- not for my sake, but for America's. I believe fundamentally we're an optimistic people. We saw it after Desert Storm. We saw the country come together and we were lifted up. And now we're subjected to some tough economic times, and there's some icing on that cake with a lot of gloom and doom over and over again coming out of the political process itself.

I believe the American people want to hear about how we're going to address our country's challenges. They want to hear solutions, not just a lot of name-calling and running this country down. And I might say parenthetically, again without any regard to the primaries, I think we've got to come together as a country to resist the politics of ugliness and hate, racial bigotry and discrimination. We've got to stand against that wherever we are. (Applause.)

So, the bottom line is, I need your help. I need your help to keep our Party strong, keep it united so we can win this fall. And, yes, there are many challenges before us, and I guarantee you we're going to meet them. We are the United States of America. We're going to come out of these rough economic times. We are going to continue to lead the world. And I, as President, am going to continue to see that our national security is second to none around the world.

We're going to meet these challenges, meet them all across the state of Florida from the Panhandle down to the Florida Keys. And, yes, there's an important election next week and then there's another one in November. And I say this I hope without arrogance: I am confident I am going to win this nomination and I am confident I am going to win this election. Because I believe that the values I've touched on here today are the fundamental values of the American people. And I will do my level-best. I will continue to try my hardest in tough times and I will continue to lead the greatest, freest nation on the face of the Earth. But I need your support on Tuesday and I'll need it again in November. (Applause.)

Thank you all and may God bless our great country.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary
(Savannah, Georgia)

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March 1, 1992

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT BUSH-QUAYLE '92 WELCOME

Savannah Riverfront
Savannah, Georgia

1:20 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much, Mayor. And may I be bold enough to say I think Savannah has a first-class new Mayor, and I'm glad to have her here at my side today. (Applause.) And thank you all for this warm welcome. It's great to see so many friends standing next to me over here is one of the great governors across our country, Governor Carroll Campbell of South Carolina. And I am very much indebted to him for his support. (Applause.) Alec Pointenchant is the chairman of the party here, doing a first-class job. Fred Cooper is our statewide chairman for Bush-Quayle. And, of course, Newt Gingrich doing a superb job for this state and for our country in Washington, D.C. (Applause.)

May I thank the band over there from Bradwell, and thank them for their -- (applause.) And somewhere out here is Videlia, right over there -- (applause.) And may I single out all the veterans of Desert Storm here today, and to every one of you who have come down to the Riverfront to show your support. (Applause.)

I'm glad to see all this activity. You'll notice I brought along my newest mode of transportation -- "Riverboat One" right back here. (Laughter.)

Well, we're here today because we believe on big issues -- and we believe that we're on the right side of these big issues, on the issues that shape the world -- and on the values that are close to home. I'm talking about jobs. I am talking about family I am talking about world peace, for ourselves and for all of our kids. Jobs, family, and world peace. (Applause.)

And I believe all the people of Savannah and all the people of this great state believe that parents, not the government, ought to make the decisions that matter in life. Parents, not government, should choose the children's schools. (Applause.) And when it comes to child care, parents, not the government, should choose who cares for the children. (Applause.) And I also think on this Sunday -- and my views will never change on this -- I believe there is a place for voluntary prayer in our children's classrooms. (Applause.)

And I think, on this gorgeous family day, on this beautiful Sunday here in Savannah, I think we should put it this way: America is first as long as we put the family first. (Applause.)

Let me just say a word about the number one issue facing our country today: it's the economy, it's jobs. And that's what's keeping people up late at night, worrying about how they're going to

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pay the bills and put food on the table and care for their kids, and still manage to put away something for their own retirement.

We've got to get this nation's economy moving. That's why, in that State of the Union Address I gave, I laid out a two-part plan to spark economic recovery -- to create jobs: a seven-point short-term plan to stimulate the economy as early as this spring -- and then a longer-term plan to keep America growing tomorrow and into the next century.

And because I know Congress tends to drag its feet I set a deadline to help them along the way. But regrettably, the liberals that control the Congress had other ideas. Instead of passing my plan, they pushed through one of their own. Here's what's in it: a tiny tax cut -- 25 cents a day for every person -- but in exchange for \$100 billion in taxes. If you feel the way I do, tell the Congress, keep the change -- and keep your hands off the taxpayers' wallets. (Applause.)

If the liberal Democrats decided to make that two-bit tax cut permanent, they'd have to jack up the tax rate for every American making more than \$35,000 a year. You heard that right -- \$35,000. Now, go tell that to some school teacher that's working her or his heart out for our kids. That is not fair, and I am not going to let it happen. (Applause.) They're going to tax the middle class for the same reason Willie Sutton robbed banks -- because that's where the money is. And I'm not going to let them do that to you, the taxpayers of Savannah. (Applause.) But, listen: you saw that bill the other day, so let me make it very clear -- with one of our great leaders standing next to me -- if that tax-and-spend plan reaches my desk, I am going to send it right back. I will veto it fast -- it will make your head spin. (Applause.)

They want to raise the taxes -- and I want get this country back to work.

And there's one critical part of our economic future that I want to talk to you about today, and that's really the kind of legacy we leave these young ones, our children. The world our kids call home will be far different than the world that we grew up in. The competition now comes from around the world, not just down the street.

In that new world, there's a new economic reality: If we want to succeed economically at home, we've got to lead economically abroad. (Applause.) And if this nation needed any proof of that I just said, it's right here in Savannah. Statewide, Georgia's export business is booming: nearly \$14 billion in 1991 for manufactured exports alone. Look around the Riverfront. More and more ships pass in and out of this harbor, saluting The Waving Girl. Today and every day this bustling hub of international trade puts jobs in your communities, money in your pockets, and dinner on your tables. Nearly 13 million tons of goods -- billions of dollars in international trade -- flow through your wonderful port. And in the port of Savannah alone, all that trade traffic adds up to 58,000 jobs for Georgia.

The world is at Savannah's doorstep. We've got to keep the door open -- and I'm confident that we will. And that's why I've fought every day of my administration to open foreign markets and to guard against the siren's call of isolation and protection. Georgians are reaching out; they are not pulling back. (Applause.) Give you a little detail that I think is good for the rest of the country. Right here, we're creating additional opportunities for U.S. exports -- companies like Savannah Foods, and Fort Howard Paper and Union Camp -- the V.P. is with us -- Sid Nutting is with us here today. And their people are working hard to compete -- and we're behind them all the way.

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But the opponents are not about to let fact intrude on fantasy. They are peddling protectionism -- they are peddling a retreat from economic reality. Now, you cut through all the patriotic posturing -- all the tough talk about fighting back by closing out foreign goods, and look closely: that is not the American flag they're waving, it is the white flag of surrender. And that is not the America that you and I know. (Applause.) We don't cut and run in this country -- we compete. Never in this nation's long history have we turned our back challenge -- and we are not about to start right now.

So I put my faith in the American worker, and I say: Level the playing field, and the American worker will outthink, outproduce, outperform anyone, anywhere, anytime. (Applause.) And let me add this: America is in it to win.

Think back one year -- one year ago today -- to the calm after Desert Storm. Ask any one of the proud sons and daughters of Georgia who became a liberator of Kuwait, and they'll tell you: Military strength doesn't mean a thing without moral support right here at home.

Georgia did its part -- and more. This port handled over 200,000 tons of cargo for Desert Storm. Nearly 10,000 sons and daughters of Georgia were called up through the Reserves and the National Guard -- and thousands more answered the call from Fort Stewart or from Hunter Army Airfield.

And I'll never forget my visit to Fort Stewart during those difficult days. (Applause.) The wives and the parents that I talked to -- people with their loved one in harm's way, many of them gone for months. Their quiet courage said it all: Never would this country tuck tail and let aggression stand. America would do what was right and good and just -- and America would prevail.

There were those who did not support us then -- and there are those who second-guess us now. But not the good people of Georgia. In those difficult days, when our kids laid it all on the line, Georgia never wavered. Georgia kept its faith in freedom. Georgia said with me: Aggression will not stand. And I say thank you to the people of this great state. (Applause.)

And now we're locked in a political struggle, and I'm going to try to keep it above the fray. I've got to continue to be the President of this great country -- honored to be that President. And I've been trying to keep things on a positive plane. But let me just say this to you: From next Tuesday through the first Tuesday in November, we're going to take our message all across this country. And my view is, if you want to send a message to Washington, send this President back for four more years -- and send more good Georgia Republicans to the Congress. (Applause.)

People know that we're in a battle for the future: it's about jobs, it's about family, it's about world peace -- and about the kind of legacy we're going to leave our kids.

And so let some opponents sign the retreat -- run from the new realities, seek refuge in a world of protectionism, or high taxes, or even bigger government. That's not the future we want for our kids. And we believe in our country. And we believe we will move forward with open markets, and low taxes, and less government -- all focused on creating and preserving jobs. So we need your support.

Let me just close today with a few words from the heart. Barbara and I are blessed -- blessed to serve this great nation of ours at a moment in history when so many of the old fears have been

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driven away. When so many new hopes stand within our reach. Old fears. When I see these young kids, I think we're fortunate that they go to bed now worrying less about a nuclear holocaust than happened five or 10 years ago. We are blessed that we have brought peace to this world. (Applause.) And because we've stood strong, we've beaten back aggression.

But since the day I took the oath of office, I've made it my duty to work for what's right for America. I go back -- I guess we all do -- to what our families say -- I go back to what my mother says: Try your hardest, do your best. Well, let me tell you something: I'm not done yet. I say to the good people of Georgia: together we are going to make a great new beginning. I'm going to take this message to the United States Congress for change -- change that Congress and give the values that you believe in a real chance come November. (Applause.)

Thank you for this very warm welcome back. And may God bless the people of Georgia and the people of the United States of America. Let us count our blessings on this gorgeous day. Thank you and God bless you all. (Applause.)

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We need some language directed to the Republican audience.

More substance in Issues.

(Hinchliffe/Nix)

March 6, 1992 10 a.m.

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**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NRSC INNER CIRCLE DINNER
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THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1992 6:45 P.M.**

Thanks, Phil. [ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, JOKES]

Wendy Members of Congress

GB Baseball Cards

It's great to be here -- you're good friends of mine, of our party, and of our country -- and I'm glad to be able to thank you in person for your support. I love your theme: ~~an old-fashioned red, white and blue celebration of~~ "An American Portrait." It's good to step back and look at this nation -- really look at it. You know, we have a tremendous opportunity right now. We're closing out a familiar century, and we're about to embark on a new one filled with unimagined challenges and exciting new horizons. But before we can start to paint that America -- ~~we have to decide what we want that portrait to look like.~~

You and I want the same things for this great country and for our kids to inherit. We want an America where the streets are safe -- where we can choose our kids' day care and schools -- and where those schools offer the best possible education to make Americans competitive -- more than competitive, to make us number one again in the world.

We want an America of less government and low taxes -- one that spends our hard-earned money only for the common good.

We want an America with a health care system that gives access to the very best -- but which doesn't let the government play doctor.

We want an America dedicated to preserving the family.

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There's a contingent out there from Missouri -- well, I've asked your great governor John Ashcroft to head up a new commission on this subject, because I believe ^{many? some?} all our nation's problems spring from the deterioration of the family.

Above all, we want our country to be the America of family, jobs and peace. The America of church, community and country. And we want that America to be the country of the possible dream.

~~What we have to decide is how we're going to get there. I know you can get discouraged when you look around. Something's wrong in a country where a kid can get a condom but can't join his classmates in voluntary prayer.~~

Something's wrong in a country where a cop can get punished for trying to do his job while a criminal can go free on a technicality.

Something's wrong in a country where dads won't coach Little League and doctors won't deliver babies for fear of lawsuits: and where welfare doesn't encourage responsibility, dignity or hope.

But, my friends, remember -- this is America. Look around you again -- and you'll realize that there's something's right in a country whose young people put their lives on hold to liberate a nation held captive. And something's right in a country where an entire population came together to support those young servicemen and women with pride.

Something's right in a country the rest of the world ^{looks} ~~turns~~ to as ^a ~~the~~ symbol of freedom. Something's right in a country where the most popular song is not hate-rap, but a father-

Need to reword because top press story is Rodney King Could be misinterpreted as written e.g. "where judges jail the victim and not the criminal"

Again, make POTUS sound like he knows how. Let him tell the audience how he'll lead.

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Will audience get this? Other example?

daughter duet. Something's right in a country filled with individual Points of Light helping their neighbors -- from 5-year-old Zachary Devries to 104-year-old Tero Coleman.

As I travel around, I see that something's right in a country where Americans wave the red, white and blue flag of courage -- not the white flag of surrender. And something is very, very right in a country where we're still devoted to the founding fathers' values of family, freedom and faith.

If America holds fast to these truths, we'll never lose our bearings. And I know that no matter how tough times are, no matter what trials we face -- America's best day always lies ahead -- and we will ^{reach} find it together.

~~I say to you~~ I hear your uncertainty, I feel your concerns. This is what I will do. I will continue to fight for a crime bill that protects our people, that unshackles our police, and that locks criminals away where they belong.

I will continue to lead this nation toward America 2000 -- making this the Education Country.

I will remain dedicated to a health care plan that makes sense.

I will fight for liability reform, welfare reform, school choice and school prayer.

I will hold the line against a Congress ^{that} which measures progress made in dollars spent.

I will continue to fight to create and preserve jobs -- and I will continue to fight for the economy recovery proposal I set

Who are they? At least mention what they did/do.

"Something is going on too long."

Vision! POTUS knows where it is.

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forth in ^{my} the State of the Union ⁴ address -- the 7-point short-term plan to stimulate the economy right now, and the longer-term plan to keep us growing into ^{the} next century. As you know, ~~because I couldn't wait for Congress to act, I set~~ ^{gave Congress} a deadline of March 20 ^{to help} ~~them along the way.~~ But I'm sorry to see the liberal Democrats pushed through ^a plan of their own -- a tiny, temporary tax cut in exchange for ^a huge permanent tax hike. This is nothing but election-year politics as usual. Congress passed up the chance to stimulate ^{the} economy -- instead they chose a plan that will raise the deficit, raise taxes a whopping \$100 billion, ruin our economic recovery, and not create jobs ^{on} at all. ^{And if that plan reaches} ~~And I tell you - my desk, I'll be the first to use the Elvis stamp: Return to Sender.~~ ~~I will veto it. Come on, Congress -- quit punishing the people who create jobs -- pass my plan and cut the capital gains tax -- so we can get America back to work.~~

And, above all, in my second term as your President I will continue my fight to forge a proud legacy to leave our children - a legacy of a country of freedom, family, and faith.

I've told you what I will do -- now I'll tell you what I will not do. I will not compromise my principles. I will not stop making the tough vetos against political advice. I have never succumbed and I will never succumb to those who would have us unilaterally disarm or retreat behind a wall. I will not allow this nation to settle for less than the very best.

For we are the greatest nation on earth. Communism has risen and fallen -- and through it all, America still stands tall, proud, and firm, as the best, brightest hope for our world.

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Maybe something like: I'll use the Elvis stamp that's already being used - the one that says Return to Sender.

You and I are part of that. And there is much we can do to make this great nation even greater -- to make our children's futures more brilliant -- to make our impact on the world even stronger. I want to do this. I want to be your President for four more years. ~~Think of what we can do together.~~

Thank you again for your continued support, encouragement, and idealism. May God bless you, and this wonderful nation we share.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MILWAUKEE FUNDRAISER
 MARCH 16, 1992

Thank you, Governor Thompson. [Acknowledgements] Someone once said that "Milwaukee is a place that grows on you gradually...like a beer belly." Well, Milwaukee has grown on me so much -- Barbara says she's going to put me on a diet. \\

[Someone asked me what I think of the challenger who has no leadership experience whatsoever, but thinks he's qualified to assume high office. But I think Phil Garner will do a fine job with the Brewers.]

It's good to get out of Washington. Wisconsin may corner the market on cows. But D.C.'s got the monopoly on bull.

Too many people in Washington are fixated on the next election. Too few are focused on the next generation. We're in a battle for our future: We want America to lead the world in good jobs with productive work. \\ We want to remain a force for world peace and freedom. \\ And we're fighting to protect our most basic institution -- the family. \\

That's why this year of decision is so important for America. \ That's why April's primary election -- and November's general election -- are vital to our future. I'm asking you to get out the vote and create a resounding mandate to transform America. \ Let's nominate and elect men and women who share our values. \ We've got much more to do to get America on the right

track. \\ So I'm asking you for four more years as your President. \\

America was built on faith, family and freedom -- these form the foundation of our great country. And we must now renew those sources of our strength. \\

We must allow common sense to prevail in our welfare system -- restore the connection between welfare and work. You've started right here in Wisconsin -- with Learnfare, and Workfare, and the proposed Parental Responsibility Act. Those are just a few of the reasons why more and more people are beginning to say: "Watch Wisconsin...because Wisconsin works." \\

The people this country, like to people of this state aren't stingy. Americans aren't cold hearted -- we're a caring people: Americans support welfare for families in need. But Americans want to see government at every level work together to track down the dead-beat Dads -- the ones who can't be bothered to pay child-support. \\ They want to see us break the cycle of dependency that destroys dignity -- passes down poverty from one generation to the next. That's wrong. That's cruel. And we're working to change it. We're encouraging states to follow Wisconsin's lead, with plans that help people break welfare dependency and begin learning work skills. \\

And we will continue to fight for the parents' right to choose their children's schools. School choice is at the heart of America 2000 -- our strategy to revolutionize American education. Wisconsin knows what I mean. This state pioneered

the frontier of school choice, because, as Governor Thompson said, "it was the right thing to do." And I'm grateful to say - it looks like your state Supreme Court would agree. \\ Some find change difficult. Some say, "slow down." We say, "get out of the way." Choice works in Wisconsin -- and we're going to take this crusade to every state in the union. \\

I also think there's something wrong with our schools when a kid can get their hands on a condom -- but can't bow their heads in prayer. That's wrong -- and we need to change it. \\

Parents -- not some bureaucrat in Washington, D.C. -- know what is best for their children. \\ That's why I worked to win a child-care bill that provides parents the right to choose who provides the care. We know America is first as long as we put the family first. \\

For three years I've had to fight the liberal leadership of Congress on these issues. And I will continue to stand and fight for principle even when Congress stands in the way. We've fought, and we've put judges on the bench who know their role is to interpret the law -- not to legislate from the federal bench. I'll use the veto when I have to -- to stand for principle -- to stand up for family values. \\ If I had the kind of line-item power your Governor has, I would prove once and for all, that the pen is mightier than the sword. As it is, even my friends have said that at times I was courting defeat by casting a veto instead of cutting a deal. But we've never lost a veto fight --

and I'll never hesitate to use the veto when principle is at stake. \\

The liberal leadership of the Congress is once again on a collision course with my veto. You remember I've asked Congress to pass tax cuts and incentives to get the economy moving -- to get real estate up and running, to reward risk-takers who create good jobs. \\ [One reason Wisconsin has weathered the recession better than some other states is that Wisconsin kept the cut on capital gains. Wisconsin business taxes are among the lowest in the nation. Wisconsin works -- and it's time Washington woke up to why.] I'm calling on Congress to quit punishing people who create jobs -- cut the tax on capital gains. \\

But instead of passing my plan, the big spenders that control the Congress had other ideas. ((I was just thinking. If Wisconsin and Congress got together, they could feed the world. You supply the cheese. \ They supply the baloney.)) What's Congress' idea of economic nutrition? A tiny temporary tax cut - - 25 cents -- a quarter-a-day for each man, woman and child in America. And here's the catch: you can keep that quarter -- in exchange for 100 billion dollars in new taxes. \\ The Democrats call that "new revenue." I call it: "your money." \\

((We have to keep reminding the Democrats what Wisconsin already knows: You're supposed to milk cows, not taxpayers.) If you agree, tell the Congress: Keep the change -- and keep your hands off the taxpayers' wallets.

If the liberals send me their scheme, I'll veto it faster than you can say "cheese." \\\

Remember: I set a deadline: March 20. That's just four days away. I've said to Congress: pass our plan, \ get our economy moving, \ do something now for the American people. \\\

We'll fight -- and we'll win. And we'll keep to our course of leadership in the world economy -- because if we want to succeed economically at home, we've got to lead economically abroad. Trade with our neighbors -- trade with the world -- is important here in Wisconsin. This state exports 15.4 billion dollars a year -- that's billion dollars. Almost 200,000 Wisconsin jobs depend on exports. \\\

But my opponents are peddling protectionism -- a retreat from economic reality. Cut through all the patriotic posturing - - all the tough talk about "fighting back" by closing shop. Look closely. That's not the American flag they're waving -- it's the white flag of surrender. \\\ Well, that's not the America you and I know. \\\

America doesn't cut and run -- we compete. Never in this nation's long history have we turned our backs on a challenge -- and we won't start now. \\\

I put my faith in the American worker: level the playing field, and the American worker will out-think, out-produce and out-perform anyone, anywhere, anytime. \\\

Americans are a strong people. More than anything, we're strong because we value faith, family, and freedom. And let me

say a word about freedom. We're the world's greatest power because whenever our values are threatened, we fight to defend them. We need to keep our defenses strong. In my State of the Union Message, I proposed far-reaching, but still responsible cuts to bring our armed forces into line with the new realities of the world. But the liberals, true to form, want to put down the scalpel and pick up a meat axe. We can't let that happen. \ We will keep America strong -- you can count on it. \\\

As President, I have a constitutional responsibility for the national security of this country. And as long as I am President, I guarantee you we will have defenses strong enough to meet our world responsibilities. We were ready when Iraq's brutal dictator invaded Kuwait, and we will be ready when we face the next crisis.

We must let the world know this: Whatever the challenge, America will stay strong. America is in it to win. ///

Think back a year ago -- to the calm after Desert Storm. Ask any one of the proud sons and daughters of Wisconsin who became liberators of Kuwait: they'll tell you military strength doesn't mean a thing without moral support right here at home.

Yes, we all know: There were those who didn't support us then -- there are those who second guess us now. But not here -- not in Wisconsin. When I drew that line in the sand -- you stood with me. Never would this country tuck tail // and let aggression stand. // America did what was right and good and just -- and America prevailed. //

We're bringing that same spirit to the fight we face today. Let my opponents sound the retreat -- run from the new realities, seek refuge in a world of protectionism, high taxes and big government. Let the talking heads tick off everything that's wrong in America: We know what's right. And let me say too: I'm counting on the good people of Wisconsin to reject the ugly politics of hate that is rearing its head again. Racism and anti-Semitism and bigotry have no place in the United States of America. //

Let me just close with a few words from the heart. Barbara and I are blessed -- blessed to serve this great nation of ours at a moment when so many of the old fears have been driven away. When so many new hopes stand within our reach. And since the day I took the oath of office I made it my duty always to try to do what is right for this country. I've given it my level best -- and I'm not done yet. \\

You and I have more work ahead before we've finished our mission. It's a battle for our future: it's about jobs, family, peace -- the kind of legacy we'll leave our kids.

Together, we've made a great beginning to renew the miracle of American enterprise -- and to strengthen our values of family, faith and freedom. Now we're approaching an hour of decision -- next month. Don't wait until November. \\ I'm asking you to vote on April 7th -- in the Republican primary. \\ Give me your vote in this important election next month. Help me win four more years to lead the fight for the values we share. ////

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

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Thank you Governor Edgar. [Acknowledgements]. It's great to be back in Chicago. I've been visiting this state a lot recently, but that hasn't been enough. I've imported my own Illinois brigade to Washington. Secretary of Agriculture Madigan. [Other] And when I was looking to hire a Chief of Staff, I looked to the Windy City. I needed someone with experience, with competence -- but Mike Ditka said he was too busy. \\ Fortunately, Sam Skinner rose to the challenge. \\ Sam's doing a great job. I hear they even billed these remarks as "Speech by Sam Skinner's friend."

Someone once wrote that "Chicago does not lie there...waiting for things to happen. Chicago moves...making things happen." This year, the people of Chicago and the people of this great state are going to make things happen again. The choices we make will affect not only the next election. They will affect the next generation as well. We're in a battle for our future: We want America to lead the world in good jobs with productive work. \\ We want to remain a force for world peace and freedom. \\ And we're fighting to protect our most basic institution -- the family. \\

That's why this year of decision is so important for America. \ That's why tomorrow's primary election -- and

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America was built on faith, family and freedom -- these form the foundation of our great country. And we must now renew those sources of our strength. \

We must allow common sense to prevail in our welfare system -- restore the connection between welfare and work.

When Chicago -- the "City That Works" -- finds 17% of its population dependent on welfare -- something's gone wrong. Americans aren't cold hearted -- we're a caring people: Americans support welfare for families in need. But Americans want to see government at every level work together to track down the dead-beat Dads -- the ones who can't be bothered to pay child-support. \ They want to see us break the cycle of dependency that destroys dignity -- passes down poverty from one generation to the next. That's wrong. That's cruel. And we're working to change it. And my administration will continue to encourage state to innovate with plans that help people break welfare dependency and begin learning work skills. \

And we will continue to fight for the parents' right to choose their children's schools. If our students can learn and grow by competing in school, then our schools can improve by

competing for students. School choice is at the heart of America 2000 -- our strategy to revolutionize American education.

I was here less than two weeks ago speaking to a group of evangelical leaders, and I'll tell you what I told them: children have a right to choose voluntary prayer in school. Something wrong with our schools when a kid can get their hands on a condom -- but can't bow their heads in prayer. That's wrong -- and we need to change it. \\\

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((I wanted to celebrate St. Patrick's Day tomorrow by kissing the blarney. But, I couldn't get a copy of the Democrats plan.)) And if the liberals send me their scheme, I'll veto it faster than Congress can bounce a check. \\

Remember: I set a deadline: March 20. That's just four days away. I've said to Congress: pass our plan, \ get our economy moving, \ do something now for the American people. \\

We'll fight -- and we'll win. And we'll keep to our course of leadership in the world economy -- because if we want to succeed economically at home, we've got to lead economically abroad. I spoke about this in December when I visited the Mercantile Exchange -- those folks are out there on the frontier of the global marketplace and they know what I mean. So do Illinois exporters. This state exports almost 35 billion dollars

a year -- that's billion dollars. Over 400,000 Illinois jobs depend on exports. Think of it -- this is the city that gave the world Zenith TVs and Wrigley gum, Schwinn bikes and McDonald's hamburgers. That's free markets. That's free trade. That's my idea of America first. \\\

But my opponents are peddling protectionism -- a retreat from economic reality. Cut through all the patriotic posturing -- all the tough talk about "fighting back" by closing shop. Look closely. That's not the American flag they're waving -- it's the white flag of surrender. \\\ Well, that's not the America you and I know. \\\

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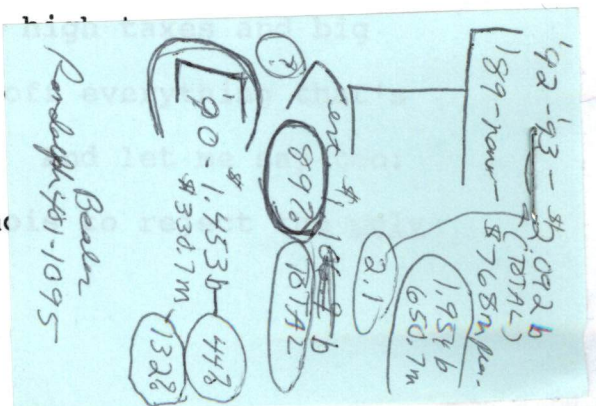
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES

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for B Taylor *Alia*
Chairman Fondren, my fellow Texan, thank you for that introduction. President Taylor. ~~[acknowledgements]~~ *No other's* I heard a story about how when LBJ moved from the House to the Senate, Jake Pickle and Gene Fondren, then Texas state legislators, flipped a coin to decide who'd run for office and go to Washington. Well, Congressman Pickle's been calling for a rematch ever since.

Association Factbook
Robert Frost once wrote that "an idea is a feat of association." Well, association is an idea as old as the American Dream itself. [[Maybe older. I heard that Art Buchwald once said that "the first reported case of an association making a blunder occurred in the Bible, when an association executive overbooked the inn at a carpenter's convention in Bethlehem. The rest is history."]]

Association Factbook
Actually, *over* deToqueville 150 years ago had much to say about the value of associations. [] Associations have long played a vital role in our country's progress, and they continue that mission today, defining new frontiers and exploring new territory. In fact, the ASAE has answered my call to become a *for Taylor* point of light.

Note: it's kind of cliché to quote deToqueville on associations

"at the head of some new undertaking... in the United States you will be sure to find an association."

OR

"Americans of all ages, all conditions, & all dispositions constantly form associations."

Before I spoke, President Taylor presented the Association's Advance America Awards to salute those who've found a way to help. We hear a too often about what's wrong about America. Well, this is what's right in America, and I salute you and your members for what you are doing to help your communities.

Of course, it's an election year. Regardless of the current preoccupation with the hype and spin of the campaigns, there will remain the issues, the big things -- the core concerns of every American -- jobs -- family -- peace. These are more than the issues we bring to the next election -- they are the legacy we must give to the next generation.

Today, weighing most heavily in the hearts and on the minds of Americans is the state of the economy -- jobs -- preserving jobs, creating jobs. In this very room are representatives of virtually every industry and every profession in America. I don't have to tell you that people are worried about the future.

Frankly, we've had tough economic times before, with higher unemployment -- but less national alarm. There's something different about today's times -- something that touches a nerve. It strikes at the heart of what drives this country forward -- our confidence. Our belief in ourselves. Our hopes for our future.

I'll give it to you straight: Unemployment is roughly seven-plus per cent - about 9 million people out of a total workforce of 126 million. During the 1982 recession, unemployment hit almost 11% -- a level not experienced since the Great Depression.

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So we ask ourselves -- why is confidence today lower than at the depth of the 1982 recession?

I've heard a lot of theories. Some say the talking heads of the media are the problem -- always running the country down. [You've heard the saying "no news is good news?" Well, the joke is that for the media, "Good news is no news."]

Others say its the politicians. I myself have noted that in a political year candidates often shower the voters with a message so bleak and hopeless -- at the same time they promise the rainbow if they're elected. That steady drizzle on the people's shoulders can wear away confidence, and wash away hope. So it's easy to suppose that the constant drumbeat about what's wrong in America is a self-fulfilling prophecy.

There may be some truth to that. But I think there are other reasons for our country's lack of confidence. People are feeling the way they do because America's got some real problems -- serious, stubborn, national problems.

But I think it would be unfair and untrue to suggest to the American people that we can't overcome these problems -- to imply that America is a country in decline. So today I want to talk about what we must do to meet the economic challenge that is before us -- how we can build economic vitality into our communities -- how we must ensure that our children see a future that is an improvement over the present -- ^{space}and most importantly, why we must change the way we do business in Washington, D.C.

Sometimes it helps to take some of these enormous issues and bring them down to the personal level. So when I talk about America's economic problems this is what I mean:

They are the worries of parents who have worked all their lives to get the kids through college -- and those kids can't find work. They are found in discouraged families who can't afford to pay off anything but the interest on their credit cards, month after month after month. They are the doubts of young people who believe that times will never be as good for them as they were for their parents. These are the things that dim our hope and drain our confidence.

American workers can see that technology and competition are changing the workplace faster than ever before. They can feel the heat -- both at home and abroad. They know American industry is being challenged to keep up or step aside -- I'll talk further about that later in the week in Detroit, Michigan. But whether it's Detroit or Denver, when workers see the company downsizing, they wonder who will be the first to go. And in these tough economic times one out of every [XX] Americans knows someone who's been out of a job at some time in the last year. No wonder people are worried.

NAHB

American homeowners -- that's almost 70 million people -- worry that the biggest asset they will ever have -- their home -- will lose its worth because real estate values are sliding. The same is true of any business, association, or charitable organization that owns property -- they're concerned too.

Finally, as I discussed earlier this week with the League of Cities, the deterioration of the American family is very serious -- a root problem with tremendous ramifications for our economic well-being as a nation.

But the picture is not all gloom and doom. Interest rates are at historic lows. Inventories are down. The trade deficit has plummeted and our exports are at record highs. I do believe that we are poised for recovery -- a recovery that will come sooner, and be stronger if we in government act now. As self-evident as the mandate for action may seem, we have not been able to muster the necessary political unity of purpose.

In January, I sent to the Congress a plan of action. It was a straightforward set of initiatives based upon tried and true economic realities. I proposed incentives for business to buy equipment, upgrade their plants, and start hiring again. I proposed a shot in the arm to get the housing industry back on its feet -- lead us into economic recovery. I proposed a tax cut on capital gains. Once you get through all the tax-break-for-the-rich demagoguery, most economists agree such a measure would create jobs and stimulate greater economic activity.

Then I offered a broader plan of action to keep us competitive and economically vigorous in the years ahead:

1) Education reform to bring the skills of our future workers up to a standard of excellence. 2) Reform of our legal system so that Americans can spend more time innovating and less time litigating. 3) Health care reform to provide universal

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access to the best quality care in the world. 4) Welfare reform to break this sorry cycle of dependency that's become a way of life in many of our cities. 5) Tangible support to strengthen the family -- a \$500 increase in the tax deduction for children. 6) A trade policy that demands foreign markets open up to high-quality American goods and services. 7) Record federal support in research and development to keep our nation on the cutting edge of new technologies.

Big issues. Big challenges. This is the plan I proposed - and I set a deadline for the Congress to act. The Congress didn't like the notion of a deadline. And while the Congress didn't have a comprehensive plan of its own, it is doubtful that

it will enact the plan I proposed. Instead, with great and earnest deliberation, the Congress is fixated with how much more to tax the American people. ^{can't say "costs" cuz they're proposed} ^{some measures to pay some of the costs} The cost of their proposed tax hikes to pay range from sixty to one hundred billion dollars.

Imagine: giving the Congress more taxpayer money to spend. From Lawrence Welk Museums and studies on the Hatfield-McCoy feud

to the billions wasted on big government programs that were proved ineffective years ago -- does anyone believe that more money for the Congress to spend is the answer? Does anyone believe that this money will be more wisely spent than the

trillion and a half dollars that the Congress spends now?

My point is not to say one more time that the last thing this economy needs now is a tax increase. Any economist worth his salt will tell you that. No, today I want to make a

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different point. One that goes to the heart of why the Congress refuses to take action to stimulate the economy -- but insists on job destroying tax increases. My point goes to the heart of why the Congress is incapable of passing my comprehensive economic growth plan -- or a plan of their own -- by my March 20 deadline -- or any other deadline, for that matter.

I have said on many occasions that government is too big and spends too much. Everyone knows that. And underlying that point is something else everyone agrees on: too often the government spends the money of its customer -- the American taxpayer -- inefficiently, ineffectively, without compassion, and without accountability.

When Americans think about their government what often comes to mind is the latest scandal involving their money. Today, we are cleaning up the Savings and Loan scandal. Jack Kemp deserves a lot of credit for straightening out the abuses in our public housing system. And Dick Cheney has taken the Ill Wind investigation at the Defense Department and made the necessary reforms in defense procurement. But to the taxpayer, these issues just reinforce the notion that the government just can't work any better.

This is all part of why people lack confidence in America's future. They have already lost confidence in its government. There is irony here. Americans are a compassionate people -- willing to foot the bill to help make this country better. But there is an extraordinary mismatch between their willingness to

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help and their confidence in government actually using their hard earned tax dollars to get results. My apologies for coining a phrase now in popular jargon, but it is truly time to reinvent government.

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I do not mean to slight in any way the ~~three-million-hard-~~ working people who work for the federal government. But the fact of the matter is that they work in a system that was good for its time, but now must change and change radically. I know that government can't run like a business -- but we can improve its performance. Right now, within the halls of these giant centralized bureaucracies, it is almost impossible to reward success, much less punish failure.

Because government has forgotten the customer, it issues counter-productive regulations. There are perpetual programs that have outlived their function but not their funding. And they are run within rigid, stultifying bureaucracies.

But this kind of government doesn't just happen. It is the Congress that lays down the mandates, funds the programs, creates these bureaucracies. And then it is the Congress that protects them, harasses them, investigates them, micro-manages them. They become stepchildren of the Congress, with a Congressional subcommittee Chairman in the role of godparent.

Yellow Book This is not to criticize the people serving today in Congress. I served in the Congress ~~for~~ twenty-five years ago with some of the finest individuals I ever known -- some are still there now -- Sonny Montgomery, Bob Michel, John Paul

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~~X~~ Hammerschmidt among others. And the newer members today -- many fine people on both sides of the aisle -- decent, hard-working, patriotic. The problem isn't the people, it's the system. And the system must change.

The good people on Capitol Hill are victims of an unaccountable, inefficient, and ineffective system of their own making as well: 284 ~~440~~ committees, 35,000 staff members, ² billion dollars of taxpayer money, a web of special interest influence and money -- with members re-election a virtual certainty. This is not a system that can promote reform and change. Rather, over the years, all this has piled up to create a Congress that is gridlocked. Paralyzed. Out of touch. A Congress totally and utterly incapable of addressing the central issues of our time.

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How many people in this room -- people who work with the Congress every day -- haven't had a private conversation with a Senator or Congressman and heard exactly the same thing?

There's nothing wrong with the Congress passing a proclamation heralding "Crime Victims Week", but that's no substitute for a comprehensive crime bill that will actually do something to make people safer in their communities. There's nothing wrong with "National Asparagus Week", but the problem in American agriculture is our national vitality not our national vegetable. (Haven't seen "National Broccoli Week" -- could have some trouble signing that one). For every one of these bills there is staff assigned, paper processed, constituents contacted,

newsletters written, taxpayer money spent. Fully one third of all the legislation that reaches my desk is stuff like this.

? Another _____ is legislation just to keep the government in business. The focus is clearly not on addressing the new challenges, is it?

This all may sound like simply an election year blast at a Congress controlled by the other party. But it's not. The problem is not necessarily divided government. Ike had to deal with a Democratic Congress in the fifties. But when the big issues came to a head -- President Eisenhower and the Congress were able to meet those challenges as Americans first, partisans second.

We need a new way of looking at things. That gap between private sector efficiency and government's ineptness has become a chasm. I have made proposals to reform government -- proposals to bring back responsibility and accountability to a system answerable to no one but itself. These proposals are based on some fundamental principles. Rely on what works. Whenever possible, decentralize. Institute choice to force competition into the system. Make the system accountable. Understand the new realities of America's global position -- that we must do what makes us more competitive.

I have also called for the Congress to stop exempting itself from the laws it imposes on everyone else. I have called for Campaign Finance Reform to break the influence of special

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interest groups. I have talked about term limits for members of Congress.

Chairman Fondren once said that "Leadership...requires forthrightness. Hidden agendas rarely, if ever, lead to progress and very often succeed in spoiling the brew." I've never been very good at hiding my agenda, and I'm not about to start trying now.

For four years, my agenda has been to create jobs, protect the family, and promote world peace. Too many times I ran up against a wall -- a partisan guard more determined to take sides than to take this country forward. March 20 will be an historic watershed in American politics. If the Congress enacts my action plan on the economy by then, the real beneficiaries will not be me, or my re-election, nor the Congress. The real beneficiaries will be the American people who will regain the confidence that they have lost in the ability of Washington to act in their best interest.

If the Congress cannot act, or if it sends to me a bill it knows today I cannot and will not sign, I will take this message to the American people: the problem is Congress. Send a new Congress to Washington next November. In the meantime I will act on my own in the interests of the American people.

I drew a line in the sand a little over a year ago in the Persian Gulf. I kept my word then and tiny Kuwait is free. I have drawn a line in the sand once again -- here in our own

backyard. I will keep my word again and free this economy on behalf of the American people.

Thank you. And God bless you for all the good work you do.

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