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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN VICTORY '92 FUNDRAISING DINNER

Mackinac Ballroom
Westin Hotel
Detroit, Michigan

7:15 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Let me thank the Governor for that warm introduction and all of you for this welcome, and all of you for what you've done to help get out the vote, to help the Party, to help this President, to help all the Republicans standing for election next fall. And this is truly a most successful occasion, I'm told. And it seems to me I just left here having thanked all of you, but I'll do it one more time, because I am delighted to have this fantastic support for all of us who are standing for election in the fall.

I was delighted to see so many members of the State Legislature here. And, of course, I want to thank Randy Agley and Mike Timmis and Heinz Prechter and so many others. I'm going to get in trouble -- everybody that had a hand in making this so successful.

I want to single out Councilman Keith Butler and our Lieutenant Governor, who I've known for a long, long time, Connie Binsfeld. And the Republican leadership that helped turn this great state around.

And I am looking forward to repeating the experience of Cobo Hall -- I remember being a -- Barbara and I when we came in here just about 12 years ago, across the street to another hotel. And it was there that I was picked to be Vice President on the stand on the Republican ticket. And that has propelled us now into a fascinating experience. And I believe -- what I want to talk to you tonight is -- I believe that we've got the record to take to the American people for four more years as President of the United States. (Applause.)

I like to finish what I start. And a lot of glib talk won't get the job done. I'm kind of holding back on going after the opponents until after the Republican Convention in the middle of August. But I'll tell you something: I am getting a little sick and tired of being on the receiving line, receiving end of criticism day-in and day-out from all those sorry Democrats that were running for President, and now some Independent. And when I am unleashed, and when we get out of this mode, this nonpolitical mode we're in, I'll tell you, I'll be ready for the fray. I have never felt better, nor have I ever felt more eager to take my case to the American people. (Applause.)

Frankly, I don't care about those polls. Fortunately, when I was soaring around about 85 percent I said I didn't believe in the polls. The smartest thing I ever said. (Laughter.)

But they changed; and, frankly, I don't think we're looking too bad. But let me tell you this: This election -- when people get down to deciding who they want in the White

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House, they're going to say: Who has the temperament, who has the experience, who has the record to lead this country for four years? And I will be making the case with your help that we are the party that deserves a shot at controlling the United States Congress and, thus, facilitating our leadership.

Let me remind you -- 35 years the Democrats have controlled the House of Representatives. Twenty-nine out of the last 35 years they've controlled the United States Senate. People are saying: Well, why don't you -- what about divided government? Why don't you just say that you'll stand with whatever the people want, if they elect a Democratic Congress, a Democratic president? Let me tell you something: We tried that in the late '70s. We had a Democratic president. We had a Democratic House. We had a Democratic Senate. And we had the highest misery rate that this country has every seen. It went right out through the roof. (Applause.)

What we haven't tried is a Republican House, a Republican Senate and a Republican President. And if you want to bring change to this country, help me elect a Republican Congress in the fall. (Applause.)

You know, this year, as I say, has been a little weird, a little peculiar. The other day Boris Yeltsin came to town -- the President of Russia -- a democratically-elected in a free election, certifiably free election, came to Russia, we stood in the Rose Garden, made a deal, signed an agreement in the White House to banish from the face of the Earth these tremendous intercontinental ballistic missiles known as the SS-18. And if any one of you has followed this, and if you'd have said four years ago or two or even a few months ago that we could have worked out a deal to eliminate these most destabilizing weapons, people would have looked at you and said, you're nuts.

We worked that deal out. Every child in America can sleep more securely without that fear of nuclear war that generations that preceded it had, and the country is totally focusing on something else. I am convinced that when we go to the people in the fall, we will say this: We have made the world safer because of our leadership in world affairs, and the American people are going to respond. (Applause.)

Heinz Prechter introduced me to a friend of his tonight who is here from East Germany. With tears in his eyes, he said: Thank you, Mr. President, for being a catalyst in reunification of the Germanys. This is major.

Looking to the Middle East -- you have ancient enemies talking to each other -- the one thing the Arabs, the one thing the Israelis wanted -- to sit down opposite the table. And it was your country that brought this about. (Applause.)

When Saddam Hussein invaded a neighbor it was the United States that took the lead. And how you have a lot of revisionists running around Washington, D.C., telling us that something was noble -- that something was wrong. And they are crazy. What we did is set back aggression, put together a coalition to lead, and today the United States is the undisputed leader of the world. And that's something we can take to the American people. (Applause.)

And the Baltics are free and South America is moving almost entirely democratic. And we have a lot to be grateful for. And let me say this parenthetically: I am going to keep pushing to a successful conclusion of the GATT Round, a successful conclusion of the North American Free Trade Agreement, because that means not only jobs for the United States, it means opportunity for other countries -- build their economies, and that'll help the world economy, and we're going to be free

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traders, not protectionists. And that's the case I'm going to take to the American people. (Applause.)

So the record -- I believe the record for world peace and democracy and freedom is clear. Out of focus right now in terms of peoples' attention. But I think in the final analysis people are going to say: To whom do you trust the national security of our great country? Who best to enhance the peace? Who best to fight for democracy and freedom? And I believe they will conclude that I am that person to lead the country for four years. (Applause.)

Now, people say to me, well, you were successful on Desert Storm; why can't you bring that same kind of leadership to the domestic scene? Good question. And the answer is, we must make the changes in the United States Congress to move our program through because our values are in accord with the values of the American people.

Let me just give you one or two areas where I think we have a fantastic case to take to the American people. I have just come from a law enforcement meeting where we had sheriffs and police chiefs from all across the state. And I told them: Look, what we need is a strong anticrime legislation. We need to vary the exclusionary rule so that we don't have cases frivolously thrown out. We need to change habeas corpus so that we don't have appeal after appeal that deny the swiftness of the law.

We need to be tougher on those who commit crimes against other people in terms of taking their life. And that means tightening up on the death penalty laws. And we have had strong anticrime legislation before the United States Congress; and the Democrats talk a good game and they haven't even given us a vote on our crime package. The American people want to back our law enforcement communities because they know that strengthens neighborhoods and strengthens families. And I think we have a good case to take on that.

On the economy. Though I believe the economy is moving, I still feel that what we ought to do is put incentives into the tax system. And that means a capital gains cut, that means a -- (applause) -- that means an investment tax allowance, that means changing the IRAs, that means a first-time credit for homebuyers so the young American family has a shot at the American Dream -- and that is stymied -- all of it -- by the Democratic Congress. (Applause.)

We had a fight the other day on the balanced budget amendment. That's not going to solve all the problems. It's going to discipline the Executive Branch. It'll darn sure discipline the spend and spend Congress. We got almost two-thirds of the vote. Twelve Democrats who sponsored the resolution, sponsored the amendment were taken to the woodshed by that liberal leadership of the House of Representatives, beaten over the head until they were a pulp, and they voted against their own amendment, and the amendment went down. We need to change the leadership in the United States Congress and give the Republicans a chance. (Applause.)

The government is too big, and it spends too much. And we're trying to do something about it. And I'd like to ask the American people this fall: Give me what 43 governors have -- give me that line-item veto, and give me a shot at cutting down on this federal spending. (Applause.)

You hear a lot now about these -- every candidate is supposed to have a -- get the budget in balance and get the deficit down. We have a concrete proposal before the United States Congress right now that makes some tough decisions. It controls the growth of mandatory spending programs. You can't do it just through the discretionary program. And it's languishing

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there as the Congress sends down bill after bill to me to raise people's taxes and to increase spending. We've got a good case to take to the American people, and says: Give me more congressmen that will vote to control those mandatory programs and then we can get this deficit down. (Applause.)

Speaking of government reform, I think the time has come to limit the terms for the members of Congress. The president's term is limited, let's try to limit the terms of the members of Congress and see if we can't keep them closer to the American people. (Applause.)

A major area where we've got outstanding proposals and a pretty darned good record is on education. We have a program called America 2000. It crosses party lines. The first thing I did as President was to get the governors together -- Democrat and Republican alike -- to set the national education goals. Party was laid aside. The goals were set. And now we have a program to implement those goals called America 2000 that literally revolutionizes American education and brings to K through 12 the same kind of quality education that we're known for at the college and university level. And it is languishing -- parts of it are languishing in the House of Representatives because it has to go to some old subcommittee chairman that's been there for a thousand years and hasn't had a new thought since the day he arrived. (Laughter.) We've got to change the United States Congress. (Applause.)

And while we're at it, I think we ought to have choice in education at K through 12. I was a beneficiary of the G.I. Bill when I got out of the Navy in 1945. And they didn't say to me: Hey, you can't go to Holy Cross or you can't go to a private school. You went to wherever you wanted to go to; the family made that choice. In this instance, the sailor made that choice, the Navy man made that choice. And it's helped our colleges.

And the same thing can happen if they can pass our G.I. Bill for Children that we came up with the other day. It gives the families a little shot in the arm, gives them a little voucher so they can then choose where their children go to school. And it will help those schools that are bypassed because to stay alive they're going to have to compete. And it's not going to diminish the public education system.

If you don't believe me, go up to Milwaukee and talk where it's been tried. Or go to Minnesota where they've been in the lead on choice in education. And choice in education is what we want. Choice in child care is what we now have because of Republican principles. And I want to take this case to the American people in the fall. (Applause.)

I want to thank some members of Congress. I don't want to be down on all of them. Because it comes -- one of the only tools the President has when he is outnumbered in the Congress and when he is asked to pass things that the people who elected him oppose, is the veto. And the veto score: Bush, 30; Congress, zero. And I am going to keep on vetoing this tax-and-spend legislation as it comes to the White House -- (applause) -- until we can get enough people to pass sensible legislation.

Now, we've got a good record to take to the American people. The ideas and the values that I believe we all stand for are intact. What we need is to get it in focus now for the American people. I might say, parenthetically, if when we talk about family values, this is not some demagogic exercise. When the mayors of the largest -- some of the largest cities and some small ones, too -- the National League of Cities, came to see me -- and I mentioned this to the law enforcement people this afternoon -- they said that the biggest concern they had, the biggest single focus on the problem -- the cause of the problems

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in urban America was the decline in the American family. And they are absolutely correct. (Applause.)

And I am convinced that we must find ways to strengthen the family. When I talk about reform of the welfare system, I have in mind a little girl who saved over \$1,000. And the welfare people came to her -- her mother on welfare -- and said your mother's going off of welfare if you save money like this, because you're not allowed to accumulate over \$1,000. Change the welfare reform -- reform the welfare system so that you can eliminate this kind of stupidity; and in the process, strengthen the family. (Applause.) And that's what we're going to try to do. (Applause.)

I heard one of the candidates for president ridiculing the fact that I have a session each year reading to children. Symbolic, yes. But what is the symbol? It is the idea that adults ought to read to their kids, or that parents ought to read to their kids. And let the cynics who think everything can be legislated miss the point.

The point is that when Barbara Bush holds an AIDS baby in her arms, she's demonstrating compassion. And when she or I read to kids, we're saying parents ought to do this. They ought to hold their families together and love them. And every kid ought to have that kind of opportunity. (Applause.) And that isn't cynical politics, that's what this country wants. (Applause.)

I'm just getting warmed up on you guys, I'll tell you. (Laughter.) Because I've only mentioned about four issues here where I think we are just exactly where the heartbeat of America is. But you couldn't tell it because of all the noise and the fury out there of Politics '92: endless polls, weird talk shows, crazy groups every Sunday telling you what you think. Ninety-two percent of the news on the economy being negative when the economy grew -- admittedly slowly, but grew at 2.7 in the first quarter. Ninety-two percent negative. What kind of reporting is that?

But the American people are smart. They're going to sort it out. They're going to separate fiction from fact. They're going to know reality when they see it. And I'm going to say this to them: I have worked my heart out as President of the United States. Barb and I have tried to uphold the dignity and the decency and honor that belongs in the White House. And I need the decency and honor that belongs in the White House. And I need four more years with a Republican Congress this time to finish the job for the American people. And I ask you for your support. And I promise you I'll work my heart out to that end. (Applause.)

Thank you and may God bless you all. Thank you.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO THE TEXAS STATE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Dallas Convention Center
Dallas, Texas

4:06 P.M. CDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you so much.

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you so much for that warm
welcome.

Let me quickly say hello to a few of our dais
guests, our elected officials -- Kay Bailey Hutchison and Rick
Perry -- doing a superb job for our state. (Applause.) May I
salute the great Mayor of Dallas, Steve Bartlett, who served so
well in Washington and now serving this city with such
distinction. (Applause.) And now, on to the political types
like you and me. Ernie Angelo and Penny Butler, the Texas GOP
National Committee members. Fred Myer, our great Chairman of
this Texas state GOP. (Applause.)

I want to thank Beverly Kaufman and all the women,
all the members of the Texas Federation who came to meet me and
who are doing a great job for us. (Applause.) Single out our
Bush-Quayle team, Jim Oberwetter, Barbara Patton and, of course,
Rob Mosbacher, the Chairman of Texas Victory '92. (Applause.)
And we have a great Republican congressional delegation from
Texas, and I'm pleased so many members of that Texas
congressional delegation could attend. I wish we had more like
them in Washington, D.C. (Applause.)

And last but not least I'd like to single out the
master of ceremonies with whom I served so closely in Washington
as we battled to get some things past the Congress, as we stood
up against many things that the Congress were trying to ram down
the throats of the people, and I'm talking about Fred McClure,
the emcee, my great friend and yours. (Applause.) Thank you,
Fred.

Now, let me just say at the beginning I have never
felt as strongly as I do now -- I am proud to be a Texan.
Barbara and I -- (applause) -- raised our kids here from 1948 on.
We voted in every presidential election

From 1948 on, we voted in every presidential
election here, I coached Little League here, built my business
here, worked in the Party here, my presidential library will be
here, my campaign started here -- (Applause.) And when my work
is over, I'll come back here. (Applause.) So it's great to be
home.

There is no place like Texas. November 3rd is but a
few months away. And, yes, the going's been rough for our
country, but we're turning the corner. And I'll let the world in
on a secret that you already know: I finish what I start. To
finish the job the American people asked me to do, I need your
help, Texas. Give me four more years as your leader and let's
get the job done. (Applause.)

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AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: A strange political year, yes. But snappy answers and glib talk will not get the job done. Let somebody else become the darling of the talking heads on television, I will --(applause) -- I'm going to keep on fighting to get something done for this country. And you wait until August and we'll roll up our sleeves and get in that campaign mode. But there's too much at stake for America to forget about trust and judgment and values. Too much as stake, as we say here, to buy a pig in a poke.

And you can count on this: We will win in November and I am convinced we are going to carry Texas and we are going to win going away. (Applause.)

And just the last four years, the world that we have known for the last 40 years has changed. And by our willingness to stand up for freedom and stand against aggression and fight for what's right, we changed the world. And our mission for the next four years is to shape our new world, not just abroad but right here at home. It's a big job to set the course for the next 40 years and it means solving big problems with a level head, with tolerance and good judgment. Being president is a demanding job. And a president must be temperamentally suited for the job. And I have been tested by fire and I am the right man for that job. (Applause.)

You and I understand -- you and I understand America and her problems. And we understand where we must go. And we all want families strong and united, good schools, safe neighborhoods, job-creating economy and a world at peace. And since becoming your President, I have been to all 50 states in the country. I have felt the heartbeat of America. I felt it up close -- farmers and ranchers and cities and city kids and teachers and truck drivers. And I know the American people, and they are with us, but they're angry. They're angry at big government, small results and big excuses. And they are right: Government is too big and it spends too much. And we've got to change that. (Applause.)

This election -- this election must be a referendum on some big ideas. And one of them is, that government works right without raising taxes. And unlike one of my opponents, I do not believe that the only way to ever balance the budget is, quote, "a massive tax increase," unquote. (Applause.) The American people know that I proposed an amendment to balance the budget. They know I fought for it; the only presidential candidate to support it. And that's why in the fall, they will be with us. And you send us more congressmen from Texas who will do what the people want, and the people want a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. (Applause.)

And, by the way -- and by the way, while you're still standing, the American people know that the President should have what 43 governors have to control spending. I know I fought -- they know I fought for it, and they will be with us. (Applause.) America wants the Line Item Veto. (Applause.) Thank you.

Now, the taxpayers know how the budget gets busted. It's an arrogant, permanent, liberal, Democratic-controlled Congress; unaccountable to the people. The American people are with us, and it is time to limit the term for members of Congress. (Applause.)

You and I know each other. (Applause.) You and I know each other. And throughout my life in Texas you've seen me close up. And when I sent our sons and daughters into battle in Panama and in Desert Storm, Texans anquished with me and overwhelmingly supported me. And when I agreed to pay a painful price for a spending controls deal on the budget, Lord knows you

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argued with me. And when I said I will not eat broccoli, every kid in Texas said, "Yes!" (Applause.)

But through it all, you knew I wouldn't break with those Texas values that we hold most dear: freedom and faith, honor and decency and, most of all, family. (Applause.)

History will record this: American leadership changed the world. Panama is a democratic country. It's democratically-elected leaders, once beaten by those dignity battalions are now back in office; and its narco trafficking dictator in jail where he belongs. (Applause.)

And Eastern Europe -- Eastern Europe is free. Germany is united. Imperial communism is dead and buried. And just this week, Boris Yeltsin and I stood in the Rose Garden to announce the most sweeping nuclear arms cuts in history, eliminating those enormous multi-warheaded ICEMs that have threaten the world. And that is something big. That is something spectacular. Dreams come true for America. And these kids here will sleep at night without the same fear of nuclear war. And I am proud of that record, and I will take that record to the American people. (Applause.)

But let me warn you -- let me just put out this one word of warning. For all the great triumphs that freedom has made, the world still remains a dangerous place. And that's why a big idea in this campaign is defending America's interests abroad. And the best way to keep America safe is to keep America strong. And the Soviet bear might now be a creature of the past, but there are still plenty of wolves out there, and you know who they are. But as our actions in the Gulf proved, we will defend our interests; we will keep the wolves at bay; and, we will never let aggression stand. (Applause.)

Yes, our successes abroad have laid the foundation for stepping up our attack on these domestic problems. And I as work to correct what's wrong, I will always remember the people don't work for the government, the government works for the people. (Applause.) And, no, to set things on a track right here at home we must start with a moral, even a spiritual revival across this country -- (applause) -- particularly when it comes to instilling values in our kids.

And so here's another big idea. Fads may come and go, but in the Bush administration the family will always be in fashion. And that's how we put first things first. Families united; fathers and mothers staying together in spite of tough times because they love their kids and want them to grow up whole and strong. It all begins with the family. (Applause.)

And we must find ways to strengthen the American family. The commission I appointed will do just that. And all of us should make suggestions that will help. You know, some of the ideas that I've put forth for changing America unnerved those who cling to the old thinking of the status quo. Not everyone is ready for new ideas, so it's going to take some time. And four years just haven't been enough to finish our mission. Some people say, why can't you bring the same kind of purpose and success to the domestic scene as you did in Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and the answer is I didn't have to get permission from some old goat in the United States Congress to kick Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait. (Applause.) That's the reason.

Let me just add a word about that. Let me add a word about that decision. It is just plain irresponsible and out of touch with reality to suggest that a President should take a poll and get a tax increase before he leads the world against aggression. What the people want from their leaders is leadership, and that's exactly what the American people got in Desert Storm. (Applause.)

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I don't need to take a poll to know what's right when it comes to standing up against aggression. So you can write that one down, some of these opponents out there. (Laughter.) And would I like to see our domestic agenda off and running? You bet. And I understand the frustration that's out there the same as you. Family values under siege, second-rate schools, too much violence on too many streets, an old-thinking Congress can't get the job done. And for 35 -- now, listen to this statistic -- for 35 out of the last 35 years the Democrats, the liberal Democrats have controlled the House of Representatives. And what do the people see as a result? A crooked post office and a lot of bounced checks. Let's change that. (Applause.) Let us change that.

We must break this gridlock and recapture the trust of the American people. And the way to do that is Republican control of the House, Republican control of the Senate, and you give me a Congress like that and you watch this country move again. (Applause.)

Go Aggies. (Applause.) There's a right way -- there's a right way and there's a wrong way to set a new course. And the wrong way is to give up when things get tough, pick up your marbles and go home. And I will not give up on America, not now, not ever. We are going to get the job done. And there has been too much pessimism, too many people trying to get elected by saying how bad things are, too many gloomy TV news stories about what's wrong with America. (Applause.) And it is my view that America will always be a rising nation and we can and we will make this country better. I am an optimist about the United States of America. (Applause.)

After a tough, tough recession, a tough recession where many families have been hurt, confidence is returning. Confidence is beginning to come back to return to our economy. Some good fundamentals are in place: low interest rates, low inflation, stronger growth in the first quarter. The United States is still the largest, the most productive economy in the entire world, and don't ever forget that. The biggest mission, the biggest idea of this campaign is to accelerate economic growth to create hope and opportunity for everyone. And with our exports still climbing there's solid proof that Americans can out-compete anyone, anytime, anywhere in the world. (Applause.)

Look right down a Texas road for examples. Texas beef on the market in Japan, Texas cotton to Europe, Texas oil and gas technology in demand everywhere -- and I am going to fight to keep that technology state-of-the-art; and to help keep our independent oil and gas producers competitive. I will keep pushing for a revised alternative minimum tax, and I'll keep pushing for cleaner fuels like natural gas and I'll keep pushing for cleaner fuels like natural gas and I'll keep pushing to reduce our dangerous dependence on foreign oil, not by conservation alone, which is important, but by opening projects for domestic production like the ANWAR in Alaska. (Applause.)

A rising nation educates her young people. And all across America a revolution in education, we call it America 2000, to bring back excellence to our schools. Well, we were the ones to start this revolution, and we are the ones that are leading it, and we will be the ones to complete it. And before we're done, whether it's public, private or religious, parents are going to have the right to choose their children's schools. (Applause.)

And this audience knows it better than most, but there's another great and dynamic movement transforming our country. It's a volunteer movement of ordinary people solving problems right where they live. Millions of courageous people taking direct and consequential action on their own. And this is how we help create whole and good communities. And lest anyone forget, under my presidency, this movement, this big idea is a

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national crusade. The real heroes of America, God bless them, are the ones we call the Points of Light -- one American helping another solve these problems. (Applause.)

Despite the odds, we've had some successes on Capitol Hill. Legislation like the Child Care Act which said parents raise kids, not the government. (Applause.) The Clean Air Act like linking a strong economy with a clean environment; the Americans with Disabilities Act, guaranteeing the disabled their rightful place in the mainstream. Give these people a chance and that's what that legislation did. (Applause.) And sometimes my job up there, given the control of the Congress, is to keep bad things from happening. And when it comes to stopping bad legislation with my veto pen, it's Bush 26, the Congress 0; and it's going to stay that way. (Applause.) 128

I'm proud of our record. We've had to make the tough calls everyday and every week. We proposed a better way for America, a new track for America. And like Texas it is a big idea. And when Congress blocks the way, stuck in the muck of old thinking, we'll keep that heat on. Keep pushing for change. One specific on that. The Congress may have a vision problem on that. The Congress may have a vision problem, but don't for a minute think that we're going to give up on the superconducting supercollider. (Applause.) It is forward-looking, and the country needs it and the world needs it. (Applause.) It's good for Texas and it's good for the United States of America. (Applause.)

And when the American people send me a Congress with a commitment to change, we'll pass the laws and do the work that the American people deserve. But let me say this: with or without the Congress, we are going to give the American people what they want. And that's not excuses, that is action. This is an age of great change for America. And that's what makes November 3rd so important.

Change can seem to threaten the most valuable legacies that we hope to leave our children -- good jobs, strong families, a nation at peace. Change breeds uncertainty and skepticism. And I understand that. But, look, we are the United States of America. One nation under God. And the genius of America is everywhere. It's in a society that places a premium on performance, not glitz; on service, not selfishness. A society that captures what Texas is all about. And let the skeptic say that it can't be done. The optimist will say, let's get to work. And I am ready. And, yes, we're in the fight of our lives, but it's worth the fight. And we are in it to win.

And I appreciate this sensationally warm Texas welcome. And may God bless you all. And may God bless the United States of America. (Applause.) Thank you very much. Thank you. (Applause.) Thank you all so much.

END

4:35 P.M. CDT

Bryan Klud press secretary -
Michigan GOP

517-487-5413

not going well

* Tigers could use some pitching

Tigers play that pm?

What's going on by/ aft. visit?

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slogans / phrases

hang-outs

"local" jokes

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quotes

Name of ballroom?

famous jocks -

Engler anecdotes etc.

Rusty Hills - Gov. Ender's office

* Minute - Europe - bad sushi;
tear gas

Sports - Tiger awful season lack of
itching / horseshoes

* doesn't golf - tennis,
horseshoes?

Michelle → Gov's wife Maria Teresa

BMW made his. sector - Detroit not big
news -

[jobs # / issues : manufacturing / auto sector]

steady - but moderate growth -

Playing off himself → playing off
Perot / Michelle

(Gotta - vote - energy @ Michelle)

hammer bitten - Carol Filler

Mickey Tetterton

Congress

unconsciously and weather

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(Spoken for - Michigan State)

(Museum 1/2 1/2 (Mia))

Thomas
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"Greek Town" great night club
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"Wagner's World" - ^{Fabric Games} Barman Corp.
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rough draft, final after 6:00 pm.


THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

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THROUGH: TIMOTHY J. MCBRIDE
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

FROM: ED MURNANE 
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVANCE

SUBJECT: TRIP OF THE PRESIDENT TO NEW YORK, NEW YORK
AND DETROIT, MICHIGAN, JUNE 29, 1992

For your use and planning purposes, the attached is a preliminary outline schedule for the Trip of the President to New York, New York and Detroit, Michigan, June 29, 1992. Please keep in mind the following information has not been finally approved and is subject to change.

Attachments

PRELIMINARY OUTLINE SCHEDULE

Monday, June 29, 1992

GUESTS AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

7:30 am Vans depart West Basement en route Andrews Air Force Base.

8:00 am Those with own transportation should arrive Distinguished Visitor's Lounge, Andrews Air Force Base at this time for check-in.

8:25 am MARINE ONE departs White House en route Andrews Air Force Base.

(Flying Time: 10 Minutes)

8:35 am MARINE ONE arrives Andrews Air Force Base.

8:45 am AIR FORCE ONE departs Andrews Air Force Base en route New York, New York.
(E.D.T.)

(Flying Time: 50 Minutes)
(Time Change: None)
(Interchange: No)

9:35 am AIR FORCE ONE arrives John F. Kennedy Airport, New York, New York.
(E.D.T.)

9:45 am MARINE ONE departs John F. Kennedy Airport en route Wall Street Landing Zone.

(Flying Time: 15 Minutes)

10:00 am MARINE ONE arrives Wall Street Landing Zone.

10:10 am MOTORCADE departs Wall Street Landing Zone en route Drug Enforcement Agency.

(Drive Time: 20 Minutes)

2:20 pm MARINE ONE arrives John F. Kennedy Airport.

2:30 pm AIR FORCE ONE departs New York, New York en route
(E.D.T.) Detroit, Michigan.
(Flying Time: 1 Hour 45 Minutes)
(Time Change: None)
(Interchange: Yes)

4:15 pm AIR FORCE ONE arrives Detroit Metro Airport,
(E.D.T.) Detroit, Michigan.

4:25 pm MOTORCADE departs Detroit Metro Airport en route
Southfield Civic Center.
(Drive Time: 30 Minutes)

4:55 pm MOTORCADE arrives Southfield Civic Center.
* OPEN PRESIDENTIAL FORUM WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT
COMMUNITY
-Open Press
-Remarks
-(5:00 pm - 5:30 pm)

5:35 pm MOTORCADE departs Southfield Civic en route Westin
Hotel.
(Drive Time: 25 Minutes)

6:00 pm MOTORCADE arrives Westin Hotel.
* MAJOR DONOR PHOTO
-Closed Press
-(6:05 pm - 6:30 pm)
* VICTORY '92 FUNDRAISING DINNER
-Open Press
-Remarks
-(6:35 pm - 7:05 pm)

7:10 pm MOTORCADE departs Westin Hotel en route Detroit
Metro Airport.
(Drive Time: 25 Minutes)

7:35 pm

MOTORCADE arrives Detroit Metro Airport.

7:40 pm
(E.D.T.)

AIR FORCE ONE departs Detroit, Michigan en route
Andrews Air Force Base.

(Flying Time: 1 Hour 10 Minutes)

(Time Change: None)

(Interchange: No)

8:50 pm

AIR FORCE ONE arrives Andrews Air Force Base.

9:00 pm

MARINE ONE departs Andrews Air Force Base en route
White House.

(Flying Time: 10 Minutes)

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MARINE ONE arrives White House.

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Photo last yr. \$200/yr.

more for the \$

(meal table - chairs) → 30 people

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Mayor Gault Michael & Beardsom (Dem)

- Gayda

State Sen. Gil DiNello (Dem)

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orchestra

"Leadership and change" for Mi -
the theme of campaign

Repub. donors - major donors

- April 14 - B/Q dinner @ Ritz in Dearborn

- home of Bob Teeter

(- Willow Run - may b/c a Saturn plant -)

- unemployment went down - things have gotten
better; property tax - proposed tax cut -

↳ Gov. in Europe trade Italy, Germany,
Netherlands business stim. trade -

State budget

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TPC - benefit - youth sports program
boys and girls

Joe Louis ~

→ Cold star over Soviet players on Red Wings
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PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS: DETROIT VICTORY '92

WHY I WANT TO BE PRESIDENT:

- o I finish what I start.
- o A lot of glib talk won't get the job done. There's too much at stake for America and nobody else is going to stick closer to the values that made this Party great and this country great. And nobody else is going to lead this country for the next four years.
- o Our mission for the next four years is to shape our new world -- not just abroad -- but right here at home. It's a big job to set the course for the next forty years. But that's why I want to be President -- because I am the right man for that job.

I UNDERSTAND AMERICA. AMERICA WANTS:

- o Families strong and united, good schools, safe neighborhoods, a job-creating economy, and a world at peace.
- o America wants a Balanced Budget Amendment.
Government is just too big and spends too much.
- o America wants the President to have the Line-Item-Veto.
- o The American people want term limits for members of Congress.

ROLE AS WORLD LEADER:

- o The Cold War is over -- Eastern Europe is free. Imperial Communism is dead and buried. Our children now go to sleep

at night without fear of nuclear war. I am proud of that record.

- o The best way to keep America safe is to keep America strong.

CONGRESS:

- o Four years just haven't been enough to finish our mission. Give me a Republican Congress, and you just watch us get this country moving again.
- o During Operation Desert Storm I didn't have to get permission from some Congressional subcommittee to kick Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait.
- o We must break this gridlock and recapture the trust of the people.
- o Despite the odds, we've had some successes on Capitol Hill - - legislation like our Child Care Act, the Clean Air Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- o And when it comes to stopping bad legislation a veto, it's Bush 28, Congress 0. We are already setting a new course for America. But the future of our country is at stake and the job is only half-done. We must finish what we started.
- o I'm proud of our record. But with or without the Congress we are going to make our families stronger, our schools better, our streets safer, and build opportunity for all Americans.

MISSIONS:

- o There's a right way and a wrong way to set a new course. The wrong way is to give up on America -- and I will not do

that. America will always be a rising nation -- and I'm an optimist about the future of our country.

- o The biggest mission -- the biggest idea of this campaign is to accelerate economic growth to create hope and opportunity for everyone. Good fundamentals in place.
- o All across America a revolution in education is bringing back excellence to our schools. And before we're done, whether it's public, private or religious, parents are going to have the right to choose their children's schools.
- o Another great and dynamic movement transforming our country is a movement of ordinary people solving problems right where they live -- create whole and good communities. Under my Presidency this big idea, is a national crusade.

ELECTION DAY RALLY CALL:

- o This is an age of great change for America -- that's what makes November 3rd so important. Change breeds uncertainty and skepticism. I understand that. But we are the United States of America -- one nation under God.
- o The genius of America is everywhere. Let the skeptics say it can't be done. Let the optimists say, *roll up our sleeves* let's get to work. Yes, we are in the fight of our lives, but it's worth the fight and we're in it to win. Our day is Election Day.
- o Thank you and God bless the United States of America.

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Detroit Victory - Monday 6/29

Walter White - advance team on
ground pol. affairs

dinner 1992 Governor's Gala
Gov. John Engler
750 people \$1,000 ea.

Westin Hotel - Renaissance Center
Downtown Detroit on Detroit River

Tom - balloon

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OTUS into Gov. Engler ?

Contact: * Gary Reed
517-487-5413

* ——— financ div. ↑
→ Dave Doyle → State Chrm.
of - Beth Griffen -

* Nat'l Comm. Man
Chuck Yob

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David Boyle wants input into process

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→ 1988 default state -
- Germany was a war

"strategic state"
Gov. went to Mr. State
MSU hockey team to great Paris?
near hockey champs

Engler's wife → TX.

22 June 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISTINA MARTIN

FROM:

J. BUNTON 

SUBJECT:

CONVO WITH JD FOSTER, Chief Economist - CEA X5084

In general:

Economy leveling off after first quarter --
April and May were flatter months

Prime rate:

6.5% - same as March visit to Detroit

Retail Sales:

up 2.7% over last 12 months;
Jan. 2.3%
Feb. 1.2%
Mar. -1.2%
Apr. .4%
May .6%

.6% increase in retail sales over last 4
months.....not good compared to our March
Detroit visit [see Economic Club of Detroit
Speech, Jan. and Feb. stats above]

Housing Starts:

up 25% over last 12 months [but still lowest
since WWII];

up 11% for May

no change over last 3 months -- took a huge
hit in April

Employment:

good news -- 350,000 Americans have found
employment in the last 4 months; [3.4 million
still unemployed] -- can use stat if next
sentence says: far too many still without
jobs, long way to go -- we're doing something
about it....

Consumer

Confidence:

According to Univ. of Michigan study --
consumer sentiment is up 10% over beginning
of year

Autos:

All auto producers except GM are doing
slowly better

POTUS CREDIT:

Regulatory Reform so far has saved \$15-20
billion ; POTUS has done everything he could
unilaterally to turn economy around

MICHIGAN REPUBLICANS

Telecopy Leadsheet

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DATE: 6/25 TIME: 10:30am

NUMBER OF PAGES, including LEADSHEET: 4

TO: Jeannie Benton
White House

FAX NUMBER: 202-456-6218

FROM: Bryan Flood

FAX NUMBER: _____

COMMENTS: April Unemployment (unadjusted)
9.4% - May 8.6% - source
Michigan Dept. of Labor

- Also - location is referred to as "Ren Cen"

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT THE CUT & CAP

The Cut & Cap property tax proposal calls for a constitutional amendment cutting school property taxes 30% over five years and capping assessment increases to 3% a year or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. Over five years, the plan will save taxpayers more than \$6.5 billion.

WHY CUT & CAP?

Michigan's property taxes are among the highest in the nation. That imposes a significant cost on homeowners and investors interested in commercial and industrial property. Often citizens are put into a situation where their property taxes are rising faster than their income.

Cut & Cap addresses those concerns effectively. It amends the Michigan Constitution to limit annual assessment increases on all parcels of property to 3% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. It cuts school operating taxes by 30%, phased in over a five year period. (10% in 1993, 15% in 1994, 20% in 1995, 25% in 1996, 30% in 1997).

WHAT IS THE CUT & CAP AND WHAT WILL IT DO?

Before a proposal can go to the ballot, the state requires that a specific number of registered voters sign a petition saying they want a vote. Our goal is more than 300,000 valid signatures to put the Cut & Cap proposal on the November '92 ballot.

WON'T SCHOOLS SUFFER BY CUTTING SCHOOL OPERATING TAXES?

Our schools won't suffer. The plan requires the state to reimburse school districts dollar for dollar for the cost of the property tax cut. Why? Because while we can't afford the current burden of huge property taxes, we also can't afford to make our children pay for it with their future.

HOW WILL WE PAY FOR THE TAX CUT?

Historically, the state budget has increased by 5 to 6 percent each year. By devoting just half of our annual growth to fund tax relief, we'll pay for this tax cut out of normal and expected increases in the state revenues derived from economic growth. (See attached chart.)

HOW WILL CUT & CAP AFFECT THE ECONOMY?

Michigan's economy must be stimulated to create jobs, attract new business and industry and retain existing business and industry. Michigan's high property tax rates are foiling that goal. Lower property taxes will encourage business and industry growth and new jobs. New business and industry will be encouraged to locate here.

When fully implemented, this tax cut will put more than \$2 billion back into the hands of Michigan taxpayers each year. That means billions of dollars to save, invest or spend—providing a real boost to Michigan's economy.

WHY IS THE TAX CUT ACROSS THE BOARD?

The Cut & Cap proposal is not designed to take money from some taxpayers and give it to others. The purpose is to lower the tax cost of living in Michigan and improve incomes and opportunities for all of Michigan's citizens. This can only be accomplished by reducing property taxes for all taxpayers.

HOW IS CUT & CAP DIFFERENT FROM HOUSE SPEAKER LEWIS DODAK'S TAX SHIFT PLAN?

First, Cut & Cap will cut property taxes without imposing new taxes elsewhere to make up for the cut. The Dodak plan offers a property tax cut while raising taxes on job providers by \$750 million.



Second, Cut & Cap puts a cap on assessment increases. The Dodak plan contains no such provision.

Third, Cut & Cap will act as an incentive for business and industry to invest in Michigan and its people. The Dodak plan, by raising business taxes by \$750 million, will force employers to lay off workers, shut down or simply move from Michigan.

Fourth, Cut & Cap is an automatic property tax cut. The Dodak plan requires property owners to apply for their tax deduction every year. If you fail to apply, you won't get it.

WILL RENTERS BENEFIT FROM EITHER TAX PLAN?

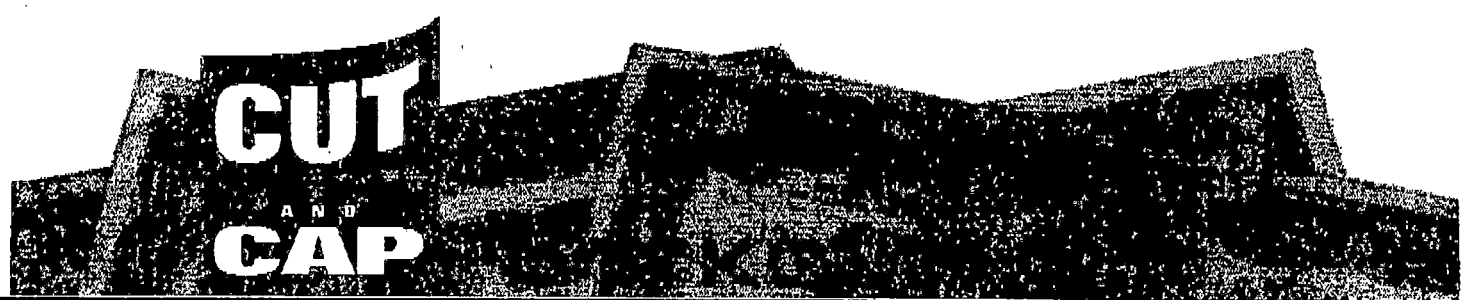
Cut & Cap is a tax cut for every piece of property in the state, which means rental property will get a tax break. Cut & Cap will put a damper on the yearly rent increases renters are now experiencing. On the other hand, the Dodak plan offers an exemption only on a primary residence. That means rental property will be excluded.

DOES CUT & CAP HELP FARMERS?

Yes. Because of their large ownership of land, Michigan farmers pay the highest property tax rates per \$100 of property value in the nation. Between 1980 and 1989, property taxes on farmers increased by 83%, third highest in the nation. Cut & Cap will provide a reduction in property taxes for farmers, allowing them the opportunity they need to invest in newer, more efficient equipment, raise farm wages and put them back on the road to profitability. The Dodak tax-shift plan provides no property tax relief for farm property.

WHY IS THE CUT & CAP A CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL?

The people of the State of Michigan have waited too long for meaningful property tax relief. By making Cut & Cap a constitutional amendment, we guarantee that the Legislature cannot play games with it, water it down or take it away from taxpayers without a vote of the public. That's what makes Cut & Cap a permanent property tax relief plan.



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Supporters say fear will keep people from

By SCOTT McCARTNEY
Associated Press

DALLAS — Ross Perot's camp says Republicans are out to make Americans needlessly scared of the billionaire businessman.

Beyond budget plans, foreign politics, debates and sound bites, Perot aides say the presidential election may turn on a single issue — fear.

It happened to Barry Goldwater in 1964, when a commercial — aired only once — showed a girl plucking daisy petals disappear into a nuclear explosion. The image heightened

fears that the conservative Republican might be a nuclear warmonger.

It happened to Michael Dukakis in 1988, when a commercial featuring furloughed criminal Willie Horton, and another with pictures of a goofy-looking Dukakis riding in a tank, contributed to fears that he was weak on crime and defense.

The fear factor was used by John Quincy Adams, who labeled Andrew Jackson "a barbarian and savage who can scarcely spell his own name."

"In the end, it's going to be are you afraid of Ross Perot or not," said

James Squires, Perot's media adviser.

"The whole thing in politics is fear. We always vote for who we are most comfortable with," Squires said. "So you try to make the world afraid of Barry Goldwater, afraid of Mike Dukakis, afraid of Ross Perot."

Campaign Chairman Tom Luce says people have nothing to fear, citing Perot's record of "building consensus," negotiating and compromising.

But analysts say playing to voters' fears is a time-honored — and often effective — strategy.

"Research shows people are more

motivated to vote against somebody rather than for somebody," said Ga Copeland, a University of Alabama faculty expert on dirty politics a negative campaigning. "People did love Lyndon Johnson — they fear Barry Goldwater. Four years ago, people just didn't like Mike Dukakis."

President Bush says he's not ready to take on Perot directly. But of Republicans already are raising fear factor, often questioning how aggressive tactics in past business personal disputes would manifest themselves as if he were president.

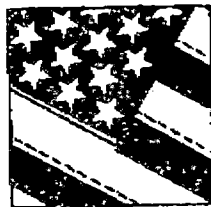
Engler warns of Perot's hardball tactic

By CHRIS ANDREWS
 Lansing State Journal

Likely presidential hopeful Ross Perot has a Rambo mentality that will eventually turn off voters, Gov. John Engler said Monday.

The Washington Post reported over the weekend that the billionaire businessman hired investigators to conduct his own probes into President Bush's financial and business activities during the 1980s.

The investigations ranged from whether then-Vice President Bush knew anything about a land-for-tax-break swap by Penn-



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zoil, headed by Bush's Texas oil partner in the 1950s, to whether Bush was part of a conspiracy to suppress information indicating U.S. servicemen were still being held by Vietnamese communists.

"Imagine what he could do with the FBI and the CIA," said Engler, who chairs Bush's re-election campaign in Michigan. "I think people worry about the kind of Rambo mentality that he's displayed."

An official in Perot's Michigan campaign said Perot launched his investigations to determine why Bush hadn't pressed harder for information about POWs and MIAs.

"For Engler to take the time to even address it tells me they're scared," said Bill Thompson, assistant campaign manager.

Also Monday, Engler announced that Colleen Pero, his special counsel, will serve as

executive director of the Michigan Bush Quayle campaign.

A recent Detroit News poll of Michigan voters put Perot ahead of both Bush and Democrat Bill Clinton.

Engler said he considers Michigan one of a half-dozen critical states that will determine the presidential winner.

The Republican governor also took a couple of shots at Clinton, who he said has dropped to third in the presidential sweepstakes.

"He's moved closer to Walter Mondale in saying, 'I'm for higher taxes,'" said Engler, noting that Clinton had dropped his plans for a 10 percent middle-income tax cut.

Clinton's new economic plan gives middle class taxpayers a choice between an increased tax credit based on the number of

children they have "in taxes."

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Gools also took ment that Clinton presidential race

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■ Vice President Dan Quayle has dubbed Perot "a temperamental tycoon" with contempt for the Constitution.

■ House GOP leader Robert Michel last month called support for the Texan "frightening."

■ Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Paul Cellucci, New England Bush-Quayle chairman, said Perot "can best be described in one word: scary."

■ Republicans pounced on a Washington Post report that Perot's several mid-'80s probes of Bush found improprieties.



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TOP SHOT

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