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TASTE OF POLONIA FESTIVAL

Held in Polish neighborhood in Chicago

"Polonia" -- what Polish community is referred to outside Poland.

13th annual

100,000 attend over a five-day period (Labor Day Weekend)

1.3 million Poles live in Chicago area

The Festival is sponsored by the Copernicus Foundation

talk to Don Gutowski, Executive VP 312-777-8898

President of group, Mitch Kobelinski

Governor Edgar suggests we should talk about economic issues, rather than family values, i.e. the economic plan we proposed in Houston at the convention. Also briefly mention the changes in Eastern Europe.

From Ted Wiecek ((WEE-seck)), Chairman of Festival:

The Festival will be held in the city itself, although it feels like a suburb. It is a mixture of blue- and white-collar, but not very transient. Very old, conservative, the only way people leave is when they die. In the newspapers, it has been described as the Republican pocket of Chicago. Lots of Reagan democrats.

There will be twenty food vendors, serving primarily Polish food (kielbasa, pierogies, etc.), although it won't be too hard to find burgers and fries and ribs. There will be continuous entertainment on two stages; one is a polka stage, and the other a variety stage, with jazz concerts, reggae, and an Elvis revue.

There will be a midway with games and a casino. There will be three bars, a beer garden, and a Polish village -- with artists and craftsman displaying their trades.

Sensitive issues: they want more economic assistance in Eastern Europe and Poland. And they are not happy with the immigration quota numbers.

People actually like Rostenkowski. They were shocked to hear of his involvement in the House Bank scandal. They also like Governor Edgar. Apparently, he had something to do with putting a stop to some tax increases.

From Mark Peterson, Governor Edgar's office:

Event is in mid-afternoon.
Blue-collar, bungalow belt audience.
Solid middle class
Roman Catholic
Median age in community is 50
Young people starting to move into area
Very Polish
40% of community is senior citizen
Voted for Bush in 1988
They are most concerned about the economy; they want to hear
hard-hitting language about the economy; they want to see
fire in the President's eyes.

Big on traditional values
Audience estimation: 5-8,000
Behind POTUS: food tents, etc.

People love Gov. Edgar because he downsized state government.

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September 5, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR STEVE PROVOST
CHRISTINA MARTIN

FROM: CAROL AARHUS
SUBJECT: FACT-CHECKING CHANGES

Please incorporate the following changes as noted below:

Page 1; paragraph 4: Change "Igancy Paderewski" to Ignacy Paderewski".

Page 2, paragraph 8: Hyphenate "straightforward" to read "straight-forward". It's easier on the eyes.

Page 3; paragraph 4: Change "freeze on federal discretionary spending" to "freeze on domestic discretionary spending".

Page 3; paragraph 4: Change "It would save \$300 billion in five years" to "It would save **nearly** \$300 billion **over** five years." This is per Barry Anderson at OMB. The actual amount it would save is \$293.7 billion.

Page 3, paragraph 5: Change "to reduce the **budget deficit**" to "to reduce the **national debt**". That's what the acceptance speech says, and the budget deficit and the national debt are two different things.

Page 4; paragraph 2: Change "Goldie Locks" to "Goldilocks". Also, the Three Bears were the ones who said "Somebody's been sleeping in my bed!" Goldilocks never said it because she was the one in all the beds. Remember, "this one's too hard", "this one's too soft", and "this one's just right"?

Page 4, paragraph 3: **DELETE EVERY AND ALL MENTION OF THE NEWSWEEK ARTICLE PER DAVID TELL.** The article does not look favorably upon us at all, and it gives Clinton an open door to "return the serve". Apparently, it never should have been used in the South Dakota speech, either, but it was.

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Page 4, paragraph 3: Delete one space between the word "count" and the comma that follows it. In that same sentence, change the number "62" to "dozens" -- per David Tell.

Page 5; paragraph 2: Delete "almost 3 percent" and replace with "More than 2 percent". Source: a civil justice reform fact-sheet provided by Robert Charles in Policy Development which is based upon a "soon-to-be-published Tillinghast study". The actual bullet point on the fact sheet says: "Today, the U.S. costs of tort litigation account for 2.3% of total U.S. GDP." John Howard (VP Counsel) says the language surrounding the number is fine, but just change the numbers.

Page 5; paragraph 2: Hyphenate "stepladder" to read "step-ladder". It's easier on the eyes.

Page 5; paragraph 5: Change "Two years ago this month" to "Three years ago this month". That's when the meeting with the Governors was in Charlottesville. Note: the official America 2000 plan was not rolled out until April 18, 1991. As it stands now, the sentence sounds as if America 2000 began during the Charlottesville summit.

Page 5; paragraph 6: NOT TRUE!! Head Start is available for every four-year old whose parents choose to participate.

Page 8; paragraph 5: Add "God bless Polonia" before "God bless Chicago". "Polonia" is what a Polish community is referred to as outside Poland. I think it would be a nice touch.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FOR TASTE OF POLONIA FESTIVAL SPEECH

Governor Jim Edgar and wife Brenda
Rich Williamson, Candidate for US Senate
Wally Dudycz((DUDE-itch)), State Senator
Edward Moskal, President of the Polish National Alliance
Mitchell Kobelinski, Pres. of the Copernicus Foundation*
Donald Gutowski, Exec. VP of the Copernicus Foundation*
Ted Wiecek((WEE-seck)), Festival Chairman

* The Copernicus Foundation is sponsoring the Festival

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There will also be a dancing group around the stage and behind POTUS. They are the Polish Youth Association Dance Group, called Lechici ((Luh-HEE-chee)).

Also, a group of children will be giving him bread and salt as he walks onto the stage. It is a traditional Polish welcoming custom, and the saying behind it goes, "Since bread and salt are the staples in life, may these never lack in your life."

Christina -- I will be spending Sunday with my parents at Arlington Cemetery (how cheerful). However, I will be on beeper, so page me if you need me.

✓
(Provost/Askew/Aarhus)
September 4, 1992
9:00 p.m.
POLONIA

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: POLONIA FESTIVAL
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 6, 1992
3:30 P.M.

Thank you, Governor.

Fellow Americans... I'm proud to be here today, at this marvelous celebration of Polish-American heritage.

This past Independence Day, I traveled to the heartland of Poland... to bury a treasure.

✓ In the crypt of an ancient cathedral... I stood with President Walesa... as the remains of the great patriot and artist, Igancy Paderewski [[Ig-NAH-see Pader-EV-ski]], were finally laid to rest... in the rich and free Polish soil that conceived and sustained him.

And it struck me... this was not so much a burial... as it was a resurrection -- the resurrection of a nation's dreams.

A patriot was at long last laid to rest in Polish soil... in Polish soil... that was finally free.

And the ripples from that moment, as his remains were consecrated to earth on that warm summer day in Warsaw... are passing through this crowd, here and now.

Think of what we have seen together -- these past few years.

We watched a Gdansk electrician electrify the world with the charge that all people should be free and be heard.//

✓
We watched the nation of Poland reborn, brimming with a new and different fluid of life... inspired by a passion for freedom ... and a Pope named John Paul II.

We watched this new force, not pushed down from a tyrant, but up from the people, firm in the belief the dream was real.

Fellow Americans... the dream is real. It was a long time coming... but On! On! from Italy's fair plain... Dombrowski [[dum-BRUHV-skee]] has led Poland back again!

And as we gather today at this festival, I can say something no President could ever say before. The Cold War is over.
Freedom finished first.//

My opponents say I spend too much time on foreign policy. Well, American schoolchildren used to hide under their desks in drills to prepare for nuclear war. I saw the chance to erase their nuclear nightmares -- and I did it. Does that matter? You bet it does.

Over the past four years, more people have breathed the fresh air of freedom than in all of human history. I saw a chance to help, and I did it. Does that matter? You bet it does.

I seized those two opportunities of a lifetime... I did it for our kids and our grandkids... and I make no apologies for that.

✓ Now, our challenge is straight[—]forward. This Labor Day weekend, we must dedicate ourselves to the challenge -- economic security for the working men and women of America. In the 21st

Century -- America must be not only a military superpower, we must continue to be an export superpower, and an economic superpower.//

My vision is to look forward -- to open new markets, to prepare our people to compete, to save and invest, to strengthen the American family -- so that we can win.//

I've spent half my life in public service -- half in the private sector. I built a business, met a payroll. And I believe that's a good qualification to be President of the United States.//

My experience is reflected in my philosophy. I believe that government is too big -- and spends too much of your money.//

I have put forward a freeze on ~~federal~~ ^{domestic} discretionary spending, plus a plan to control mandatory federal spending except Social Security. It would save ^{nearly} \$300 billion ^{over} in five years. I want to say "Do widzenia" [[doe-veed-ZEN-yuh]] to more than 4,000 wasteful federal projects -- like a national research program that looks into -- get this -- the mating habits of the mink.//

So far, Congress has balked at making these tough choices. So now I have a new idea. I want to give you -- the taxpayer -- the option of taking 10 percent of your income tax -- and using it for one purpose alone -- to reduce the ^{national debt} budget deficit.//

I want to put a line on your tax return next year: it'll say, "Check here to stop the spenders." If Congress won't cut spending, let you the people do it.//

But while we cut federal spending, we can still set priorities -- to help people in need get back on their feet. So this week, I took federal money that had already been appropriated -- and used it to help farmers whose crops were destroyed. And I said we'd help the private sector rebuild devastated Florida and Louisiana.//

Mr. Clinton was outraged -- he accused me of "pandering." This, from a man whom Senator Paul Tsongas called -- the "Pander Bear." Now he's acting like ~~Coldie Locks~~ ^{Goldilocks} -- saying: "Somebody's been sleeping in my bed!" → The 3 Bears said this, not Goldilocks!

What does my opponent offer? Well, here are the facts -- pure and simple. While I have put forth specific cuts in government spending -- Governor Clinton proposes at least \$220 billion in new spending, just to start. Newsweek magazine called the Clinton program -- and I quote -- "economic fantasy." Newsweek went on to say that the real cost of the Clinton program is -- and I quote -- "arguably at least 3 times higher" than he's admitted. // At last count, my opponent has mentioned ~~67~~ ^{dozens} separate government initiatives that he wants to increase spending for. So while we're here eating Kielbasa -- he's offering "pie in the sky." Who does he think he's kidding? What's he trying to hide?

You, the American taxpayer.

I've been accused of thinking every day is the Fourth of July. My opponent seems to think every day is April 15th.// I like the way a cartoon summed it up this week. It featured a guy

at a kitchen table. He said to his wife, "honey, I figure we can afford all those taxes the Democrats want to raise, if I can get two of those jobs they say they'll create."

Raising taxes doesn't create jobs, it destroys them. You know that. So with the savings I have proposed, we can cut taxes, and get this economy moving again.

There's something else we have to fix. Think about this.

More than 2
Almost 3 percent of our Gross Domestic Product is spent not in a

factory, not in a classroom, not in a laboratory -- but in and

around the courtroom. In America today, if you fall off a

stepladder, a trial lawyer will be there to catch you -- right

after you bounce off the ground.

I've never heard of a nation that sued its way to greatness.

So I have a plan to cut down on all these crazy lawsuits. As a nation, we must sue each other less -- and care for each other more.//

I look out in the crowd and I see so many children. The fifth graders here today will graduate from high school in the year 2,000. Their world then won't look like our world now, and the schools they leave cannot be like schools today -- or America is dead in the water.

Three
~~Two~~ years ago this month, we started a revolution in American education -- what we call America 2000. Governors, teachers, parents, all working together to reinvent our schools.

Today -- for the first time -- every child in our inner cities who needs a Head Start on kindergarten -- can get one.//

NO 5 only 4 yr. olds

(2.3) according to Civil Justice Reform Fact Sheet Tillinghast Study (Bobby Charles) OPD

for tort litigation

✓ Today -- for the first time -- half our students in college have a federal loan or grant.//

✓ And in thousands of towns and cities, parents and teachers are creating what we call "Break-the-Mold Schools." We're raising standards -- so our kids will lead the world, not just in the swimming pool and the basketball court, but at the computer and in the science lab.// And with our new GI Bill For Kids -- we want to give every one of you the freedom to pick where your children will learn -- any program, any school.//

A nation that can build smart bombs -- can surely turn out the smartest young people in the world.

The flip side of education is what happens if you fail. It's cheaper to send a kid to Yale than to send a kid to jail. Penn State's cheaper than the State Pen.

But for those who refuse to pitch in and help build America up... and instead tear us down -- we need to show them what law and order is all about.//

It's about supporting our police forces and judicial system... giving them the tools they need to do their job right. It's time to take back the streets of America.//

I have other items on my agenda for action. We need to reform our welfare system, so that families will stick together, and fathers will stick around. I have a plan to cut the cost of health care. And I believe we need to strengthen America's moral foundation. We will always have a special place in God's heart, as long as God has a special place in ours.

✓
We've made progress in a lot of areas, but in others, we've got a ways to go. Ask why -- and I would say three words -- "the Gridlock Congress."

Now I know you are tired of elected officials blaming each other all the time. But let me explain something.

There are certain numbers that mean something in America.
Number 16 is Joe Montana. Number 3 -- Babe Ruth. Number 23 -- a certain basketball player in baggy shorts.

✓ Here's one you may not know. Number 38. That's how long the same crowd has been running the U.S. House of Representatives. 38 years. Ask Millie, she'll tell you -- that's 266 years in dog years -- and it shows!

If you really want change -- let's get some fresh blood in Congress, good people who haven't spent their life in politics. Limit the terms of members of Congress. This year, when we go in the voting booth -- let's start a new tradition in America -- Spring Cleaning in November. Let's Clean House.

As we look around us today, we see a world consumed with change -- with progress. What's our place in this world?

Well, there's only reason that America, alone in the world, has always been able to stand so tall, and command a view of the most distant horizon.

It's because we stand on the shoulders of giants.

The shoulders of your parents, and their parents before them.

✓
That's why we lead the world. Can there be any doubt we can build a safer and more secure American for our children?

You know, I see Florida after Hurricane Andrew... and I see Louisiana... and I see an outpouring of love and concern from the rest of our great nation, and I tell you: If any among us have any doubt about this nation's capacity to reach deep within -- to tap the wellspring of passion for this country and its people -- if there is any doubt -- look South -- and let it be erased.

Americans -- we have changed the world -- and lit the candle of freedom where once there was only darkness.

With the same perseverance, the same character, the same determination -- we will build a safer and more secure America -
- for all generations to come.

✓ *Polonia* God bless Chicago. And God Bless the United States of America.

Chicago, IL

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Mitchell P. Kobelinski, Pres. of Copernicus Found.
Gov. Jim & Brenda Edgar
Rich Wmson, US Senate Cand.
Edward Maskal, Pres. of Polish Nat'l Alliance
Ted Wiecek, Ch. of Festival
[WEE-seck]
The Hon. Wally Dudyecz dude-itch
State sen. of IL
Donald Gutowski, exec. VP Coper.
Found.

dancing group Polish Youth Assn. Dance Group
(Lechici) → around stage
~~behind~~
as behind
POTUS on
stage

Polish greeting → Children will give him salt
& bread → before speech

Bread & salt → welcome to my home
stay

Since bread and salt are the staples in
life, may these never lack in your life

August 29, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR BOB ZOELLICK

FROM: GARY FOSTER

SUBJECT: Labor Day Weekend Events

The following is a short synopsis of the President and Mrs. Bush's activities over Labor Day weekend. Attached are survey reports for those events which have had visits by someone in this office. The remainder of the surveys will be completed by Monday. Check with Karen Groomes to find out when the advance teams will be arriving in each city for additional facts regarding the events.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

The President will travel to Painesville, Ohio in Lake County, 20 miles northwest of Cleveland, and attend the 30th annual Steve Bencic's Original American Oktoberfest. (The President has been to Bencic's restaurant in downtown Cleveland.) Governor Voinovich attends the festival most years. It draws 60,000 people, primarily middle-class and from the many different ethnic backgrounds for which the Cleveland area is known. The Oktoberfest was originally opening at 2:00 p.m. In order to accommodate our wishes of a seated, smaller audience, which would allow the President to give a comprehensive speech from a teleprompter, the Oktoberfest will begin at 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. with a pancake breakfast for 1000-1500 people in the dance hall. The campaign will work with the Ohio B/Q organization to ensure a good cross section of people for the make-up of the guests. Upon conclusion of the speech, the President and Mrs. Bush could visit several of the attractions on the Fairgrounds in order to get some good campaigning pictures. (GM's Lordstown parts plant which has caused the shutdown of the Saturn plant, among others, is located near Youngstown, 70 miles away.)

From Ohio, the President and Mrs. Bush will travel to Asheville, North Carolina. In Asheville, we have proposed that the President take up Mr. Roy Harris's offer to visit his home and talk to him and his family about real issues. Harris was one of the guests who was chosen from the tour line to be a part of the audience in the Rose Garden for the "CBS Morning News" show earlier this summer. He asked the President to come to his home and the President said "you never know, I might just do that". He lives in a middle class black neighborhood in Asheville next door to a church. There has been no contact with him and no "scrub" of his background has been made.

After the visit with the Harris family, the President will go to the Hendersonville Apple Festival, 20 miles from Asheville. This is a three day festival for which the Main Street is closed to allow booths and other attractions to line the street. The audience will be 10-15,000 standing in a rally atmosphere. Blue

grass music, as well as other entertainment, will be performed all weekend.

The President and Mrs. Bush will fly to Louisville, Kentucky to overnight.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

After attending a local church service, the President will participate in the Fifth Annual Kentucky Harvest at Redbird Stadium. This event has been named a Point of Light and has been copied by 35 other cities around the country. The general admission tickets can be purchased with a can of food. In past years, the proceeds have gone to Louisville area charities, but they have offered to donate this year's to victims of Hurricane Andrew. The day consists of a celebrity softball game, a Louisville Redbirds (AAA team) game, fireworks, etc. The President will arrive after the celebrity softball game and will go onto the field with Pee Wee Reese, Stan Curtis (Kentucky Harvest's organizer), 300-400 Harvest volunteers, the Louisville Cardinals, and the Indianapolis team. He will speak to what we hope is a filled stadium (35,000 seats). Every effort is being made to get the tickets to friendly supporters. The President's message can be centered on volunteerism. Steve Provost is very familiar with this event, so I would defer to him for specific guidance on the speech. After his remarks, the President will throw out the first pitch for the baseball game and stay for a few innings.

He will also attend a Victory '92 fundraiser for 15 minutes. There have been no prepared remarks for Victory '92 events recently.

From Louisville, the President will travel to Chicago to participate in the 13th annual "Taste of Polonia" festival. 25,000-30,000 people, primarily Polish-Americans, will be attending the festival on Sunday. Chicago has 750,000 people of Polish descent plus another 550,000 in the suburbs.

It has been proposed that the President attend a backyard barbecue prior to his departure from Chicago with 30-40 UAW members who support the President's re-election. The barbecue would take place at the home of one of the UAW members. Their discussion would include the Clinton/Gore stance on the CAFE standard.

The President and Mrs. Bush will travel to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to overnight.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

At 6:45 a.m., the President will speak to a gathered audience of 8-10,000 people who are about to begin the 35th Annual Labor Day Bridge Walk across the Mackinac (pronounced Mackinaw) Bridge from the Upper Peninsular to the Lower. A total of 60-70,000 people

will make the 4 1/2 mile walk, staggered between 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. The President will be able to give his short economic stump speech which he will give throughout the weekend, but he needs to end it with, "Now let's get going over that bridge", at which time, he would lead the crowd on the Walk. He could also challenge Governor Engler to shave off his time from last year.

The President and Mrs. Bush will travel next to Waukesha County, Wisconsin (just west of Milwaukee). They will attend a picnic at the Waukesha County Exposition Grounds organized by Wisconsin B/Q, along with Governor Thompson's operation. The Bush's will have the opportunity to eat bratwurst with some of the guests before the President speaks to the entire audience. Most of the audience will be seated at picnic tables which would allow the President to give a longer Labor Day message. The event will be outdoors between two Exhibit Halls to a crowd of 5000-10,000.

From Wisconsin, the President and Mrs. Bush will travel back to Michigan to ride in the Hamtramck Polish Festival Parade. After the parade, he would speak to the 70-80,000 people who normally view the annual parade. Hamtramck is a small community surrounded by Detroit that has maintained it's ethnic heritage. The President spoke to this same festival in 1980 while campaigning for Vice President. These remarks were very prophetic regarding the future of Poland and Eastern Europe.

After speaking in Hamtramck, the President and Mrs. Bush will return to Washington.

August 30, 1992

MEMORANDUM TO: GARY FOSTER
FROM: DOUG DUVALL
SUBJECT: SURVEY REPORT FOR OHIO AND NORTH CAROLINA
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1992

EVENT SCENARIO:

The following is the proposed outline schedule for the President for Saturday, September 5th:

Depart Washington via Air Force One en route Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

Motorcade to Painesville, Ohio (45 minutes)

Participate in Steve Bencic's Original American Octoberfest. The President will attend a pancake breakfast and give a substantive speech to a diverse crowd of up to 2000 people. After remarks the President will participate in the Labor Day festivities.

Depart via motorcade to Cleveland Hopkins Airport.

Depart Cleveland for Asheville, North Carolina.

Arrive Asheville and motorcade to the home of Roy Harris. (20 min)

Depart Harris residence for Hendersonville, N.C. (50 min drive)

Participate in the North Carolina Apple Festival. The President will address a standing crowd of 10,000-15,000 and participate in festival activities.

Depart Hendersonville via motorcade for the Asheville airport (30 minutes).

Depart Asheville, N.C. via Air Force One en route Louisville, KY

PAINESVILLE, OHIO EVENT:

The President will participate in Steve Bencic's Original American Octoberfest. The Octoberfest is located at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Painesville, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. This Octoberfest is a traditional family event held throughout the entire Labor Day weekend. This will mark the 30th year anniversary for Mr. Bencic's event.

Steve Bencic arrived in the Cleveland area in 1957 as a German immigrant. In his native land, Mr. Bencic was a farmer, a concentration camp prisoner, a mess hall cook. He came to America and landed a job as a janitor in an ethnic club. Today, Steve Bencic owns that very building and runs a successful German restaurant called the Hofbrau Haus. He considers himself an example of the American dream.

Mr. Bencic's annual Oktoberfest is a weekend full of German food, entertainment, dancing, arts and crafts, and amusement rides. On Saturday, events are not scheduled to begin until 2:00 p.m., but Mr. Bencic thinks there would be no problem to move up the schedule for the President.

The President will arrive at the Lake County Fairgrounds and will be seated at a picnic table among the invited guests. After breakfast, the President will give substantive remarks. The President will briefly participate in festival activities before departing for the airport.

The largest of the four tents at the festival holds a seated crowd of over 2,000. The tent is 280 ft. long and 100 ft. wide with the ceiling reaching a height of 35 ft. in the center. The breakfast will have to be a ticketed event to be able to control the crowd and to ensure a good cross section of people. The audience will be blue collar workers, small businessmen and women, ethnic representatives, and Republican party faithful.

Painesville has a large Eastern European, ethnic population. The city is mostly lower middle class and blue collar. Its economy is largely based on automotive manufacturing and agriculture. The President received 57% of the vote in 1988.

This event will be an appropriate setting for the President to give a substantive address on the economy. It will be a seated crowd of a diverse background. Secondly, since it is Labor Day weekend, the tent environment, opposed to a hotel ballroom, is a more natural setting. The tent will be totally enclosed so the President will be able to use a teleprompter.

During the meal itself and prior to the President's arrival, there will be a variety of ethnic entertainment ranging from the Duke Marsic Orchestra to square dancers to Bavarian Polk Bands. After remarks there are a number of possible activities for the President to participate in.

First of all, Steve Bencic's wife, Gretel, is baking a 500 lb. cake which will be 8 ft. long, 40 inches wide and 7 inches thick. She is baking the cake to benefit the Red Cross for the victims of Hurricane Andrew. When a family donates food or clothing at the festival, they get a piece of 500 lb. cake. The Red Cross was also instrumental in getting Gretel reunited with her family at the age of two. After his speech, the President could have the honor of cutting the first piece of cake.

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The President could also walk through the many booths at the Octoberfest. There are buildings on site which hold a variety of arts and crafts, food and refreshments, etc. The President could meet the people selling goods. The buildings used to hold livestock which gives a rural, agricultural setting. They will also be well decorated with American flags and other international decor.

Note: In 1980, as a candidate for Vice President, President Bush visited Mr. Bencic's restaurant in Cleveland. Steve Bencic presented the President with a large beer stein.

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ASHEVILLE AND HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Upon arrival in Asheville, N.C. the President will motorcade 20 minutes to the home of Roy Harris. Mr. Harris was a participant in the "CBS Morning News" event where the audience was picked at random to ask the President questions in the Rose Garden. Mr. Harris said he wished the President could visit his home in Asheville and talk to his family about real issues.

Roy Harris lives in a predominately black, middle class neighborhood near downtown Asheville. In Mr. Harris' immediate neighborhood are three churches. One of the churches, Varick Chapel A.M.E. Zion, is located next door. On the way to the Hill residence I passed several vacant steel warehouses, a tobacco warehouse, and a vacant Carolina Fuel Oil building.

After visiting with Mr. Harris and family, the President will go to Hendersonville, N.C. to participate in the North Carolina Apple Festival. Mr. Harris lives 20 minutes north of the airport while Hendersonville is 30 minutes south. With a 50 minute motorcade, we may want to consider using helicopters.

The Annual North Carolina Apple Festival, held in honor of the apple and Henderson County's national ranking in apple production, has been one of Hendersonville's most exciting events for over 45 years. The Apple Festival consists of parades, craft fairs, sidewalk sales, folk dances, and refreshments. Festivities begin on Friday and end on Labor Day with the King Apple Parade on Labor Day.

The President will participate in festival activities where an estimated crowd of 10,000-15,000 is expected. The festival is located on Hendersonville's Main Street between 1st and 6th Avenues. Entertainment stages will be set up at both ends of Main Street. Craft booths and refreshment stands will fill the sidewalks. Main St. is typical of "small town America" because of its "mom and pop" stores, banks, and a southern courthouse.

The motorcade will arrive at the corner of Main Street and 1st Avenue near the county courthouse. Entertainment, consisting of Bluegrass and Country Western bands, cloggers, square dancers, Native American dancers, etc. will be in progress when the President arrives. The President will be introduced on stage and give remarks to a standing crowd of several thousand. The President will reiterate his economic message given to the Ohio crowd earlier.

After his address, he could participate in the festival in a variety of ways. First of all, a rope line could certainly be constructed where the President could shake hands with the public. Also, Hendersonville has had a horseshoe pit on the courthouse lawn for other functions, and the President could challenge the Governor or anyone else to a contest. The President could also stop by one of the apple vendors and buy some apples and watch apple cider

being made from an old fashioned cider press. Another option would be to stop by the Henderson County Republican Party booth which will have plenty of Bush-Quayle handouts, stickers, posters, etc.

The block where the President will speak from is the most open area within the festival layout. All of Main Street is lined with small stores, but the courthouse is set back a ways, allowing the most room for a standing crowd. The press platform should probably be at a 45 degree angle to the stage right side of the dais. This would allow the courthouse to be in the background of the cutaway shot. This location for the media will block the least amount of crowd. There is not an ideal location for a filing center, but the courtroom should be enough room to work with. If not, one may be able to be arranged at the airport.

Since the main stage is at the intersection of 1st and Main Street there is no backdrop immediately behind the podium. A plywood backdrop with a mural, banner, or American flags could be constructed. It would also provide the security from the open street behind the stage.

Apples are an important part of Hendersonville's economy. Approximately 10,000 acres in Henderson County produce 70% of the apples grown in the state, and Henderson County is recognized as the 6th largest apple-producing county in the United States. The economy of Hendersonville is rather stable. Its economic base consists of a well balanced mix of industry, agriculture, tourism and retirement. (Almost 1/2 of Hendersonville's population is retired). Hendersonville is often referred to as "The Apple of North Carolina's Eye" and "The City of Four Seasons." Hendersonville has a population of about 35,000 and is one of the top Republican counties in the state. The President carried the county by 12,000 votes in 1988.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Foster

FROM: Michael Karem

DATE: Saturday, August 29, 1992

RE: Hamtramck Polish Festival Parade

On the morning of September 7, 1992 the President will travel from Mackinac (Mackinaw) City, Michigan to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and then depart for Detroit, Michigan. The President will motorcade to the event site. The President will be attending the Hamtramck Polish Day Parade. The parade begins at 1:30 pm and is sponsored by the Polish American Congress. The parade route is approximately 1 mile beginning at the intersection of Jos. Campau Street and Holbrook Street and terminates at the intersection of Jos. Campau and Commor Street. The parade route travels north on Jos. Campau Street through the downtown section of Hamtramck. The sidewalks are filled with vendors selling food, t-shirts, paintings, jewelry, and numerous ethnic items from Eastern Europe. The atmosphere is of a carnival nature and very colorful with representation from the majority of the Eastern European nations. The parade route will be highlighted with 24 large American flags along with decorations on the buildings and store fronts. In addition, the crowd could be given miniature flags to wave.

Event Scenario

There are several options as follows:

A. The President would lead the parade by motorcade (similar to the Inaugural Parade down Pennsylvania Avenue) and would be followed by numerous convertibles with Polish and Eastern European community leaders riding in the parade. The parade would be preceded by musicians and dancers in their native Eastern European costumes. The motorcade would travel the parade route to the reviewing stand. The President, the Governor and Michelle Engler and escorted guests would proceed to the reviewing stand. The President would give remarks at the end of the parade to an estimated crowd of 70 to 80,000. Note: In the event that this option is selected it would require 2 1/2 to 3 hours of dedicated time.

B. The second option would be to bring the President to the beginning of the parade route at 2:15 pm and place him in the parade at the number 70 position (there are 71 total positions). The President would be followed by a high school marching band and float. The President would be preceded by a group carrying a banner (possibly an honor guard) saying Welcome President George Bush, Honorary Grand Marshall, Hamtramck Polish Day Parade,

followed by people carrying the American and Polish flags. The President would take approximately 30 to 40 minutes to cover the parade route. The President would then depart the limo at the end of the parade route and proceed to the stage. There would be a brief program, including the National Anthem (performed by a Polish choral group), introduction of the Governor who in turn introduces the President. This option would require 1 hour and 30 minutes of dedicated time.

C. The President would arrive Hamtramck at the end of the parade route at approximately 3:00 pm and would proceed directly to the stage. He would give brief remarks and then depart stage. This option is not recommended since the crowd may dissipate and their attention would be drawn to the carnival activities instead of the parade program. Note: This happened to the VP when he attended this parade before and the community felt slighted that he arrived at the end and did not participate sufficiently in the Labor Day festivities.

M E M O

August 27, 1992

TO: GARY FOSTER
FROM: MICHAEL KAREM
RE: LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

The President would travel to Louisville, Kentucky on the evening of September 5, 1992 and overnight to attend the Kentucky Harvest Festivities at Redbird Stadium the next day, Sunday, September 6, 1992.

Event

The President would arrive at the Louisville National Guard Field on Saturday evening and travel directly to the Executive Inn Hotel by Motorcade to overnight. The drive time is approximately 10 minutes. The next morning, Sunday, September 6, 1992, the President would travel by Motorcade to local church service (site and location of church to be determined by advance team). The President would depart church service to a Victory '92 fundraiser (brunch) which would be held in the Executive Inn Hotel. The Hotel has sufficient facilities and upon completion of Victory '92 fundraiser (approximately 45 minutes) the President has option of holding at hotel or proceeding to a drop-by of local flea market (attendance 10,000 - 15,000) at arena adjacent to Redbird Stadium. The Executive Inn Hotel is within 5 minutes of the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center. There are 24 buildings in the Exposition Center complex which includes the event site, Redbird Stadium. There is parking for 27,000 cars around the site. The Redbirds are the minor league farm team for the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Kentucky Harvest Day is being held in conjunction with the Redbirds baseball game against Indianapolis. The admission to the game requires individuals to bring a can of food. (Note: we have acquired 3000 seats around and near the President for supporters.)

Event Scenario

The President would go to church service which starts at 10:00 a.m. and concludes by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 6, 1992. The President would motorcade back to the Hotel to attend brunch at 11:30 a.m., concluding by 12:30 p.m.

The President would depart Hotel at approximately 12:45 p.m. and arrive to holding area under the north side of the stadium. The President would be escorted onto the field by Pee Wee Reese (Hall of Fame) and Stan Curtis, Chairman, Harvest USA (USA Harvest is Point of Light group).

The President would be surrounded on the field by 300-400 Harvest volunteers along with the Redbird team and Indianapolis, Indiana team. Prior to President arrival there would have been a celebrity softball game and live entertainment with pre-program having concluded before the President arrives at the event site.

The President would be announced off-staging area and would come from the dugout with Reese and Curtis. The outdoor crowd is estimated to be around 25,000. The President would give brief remarks from the mound area and would then be handed a baseball by Pee Wee Reese to throw to the catcher thus starting the game. The President would then be given a jersey by Rene Arocha, who defected from the Cuban National Team (see attached clipping). The President would be escorted to box for viewing the game.

The President could engage in very informal chat with some of the fans as he is escorted to his box (shake some hands - sign some autographs, go to refreshment stand to get a drink and hot dog).

Note: There are ample facilities in the stadium complex for press filing and refreshments. The Redbird Stadium Club could be used as holding room - restrooms are within this private area.

The press would use the University of Louisville Football Classroom for filing. The staff would have a room next to the holding area with phones and refreshments.

The Exposition Center is hosting a large flea market on the Sunday, September 6, 1992. Attendance from 10,000 to 15,000 expected. This might be a drop-by with a 10-minute stroll through the market area.

/see attachments

MEMORANDUM**TO: Gary Foster****FROM: Michael Karem****DATE: Friday, August 28, 1992****RE: Mackinac Bridge Labor Day Walk Monday, September 7, 1992**

The President would travel to Mackinac, Michigan on the evening of September 6, 1992 and would overnight to attend the 35th Annual Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk with Governor and Michelle Engler on Monday, September 7th 1992 at 7:00 am. The President would probably fly into the Pellston Airport.

(Note: hotel accommodations may dictate that you overnight in Detroit and fly in early on September 7th.

Event Site

The site is the Mackinac Bridge (pronounced Mackinaw). This is the 35th Annual Labor Day Bridge Walk. The walk begins at 7:00 am Labor Day morning and is approximately 4 1/2 miles in distance (walking time 1 hour 15 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes).

The walk begins on the St. Ignace side of I-75 at the northern end of the Bridge that crosses the Straits of Mackinaw and will end at the southern end of the Bridge in Mackinaw City. The Bridge span is a 4 lane highway with cars traveling north and south (it connects the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan). The east lanes will be closed to vehicle traffic. The west 2 lanes will be used to move one lane traffic north and one lane traffic south. The southern end of the Bridge is Mackinaw City and has been used as a staging point to shuttle Bridge walkers to the northern end by using school buses.

Event Scenario

Monday, September 7, Labor Day

The President would arrive at 6:45 am at the Mackinac Bridge Authority Building in St. Ignace, Michigan located on the north side of the Bridge. He would then proceed to the holding area to meet Governor and Michelle Engler.

The President and the Engler's would then be escorted to the stage which would be located at the starting point of the walk. The Governor would give brief remarks and introduce the President who would also make brief remarks.

Then the President and the Engler's would proceed to the starting point of the walk (departing the stage at 7:00 am) to begin the 4 1/2 mile Bridge Walk. Following the President and the Engler's will be approximately 6-8,000 people in the first wave. These individuals will all be screened via x-rays before entering area in

front of stage. The first 75-100 individuals to arrive could all be given B/Q T-shirts or visors to wear, thus creating a nice visual behind the President. These individuals could be invited guests per se. They could be given tickets of some kind, thus helping with identification in lining them up. They could even meet in Mackinaw City at a designated spot and be transported by bus to the event site.

In addition to the B/Q supporters walking behind the President and the Engler's there could also be some identified walkers who possibly have been doing the Bridge Walk for a number of years or have some other significant claim to fame with the walk. Thus adding another photo opportunity and connection to Bridge Walk tradition and 35th Anniversary.

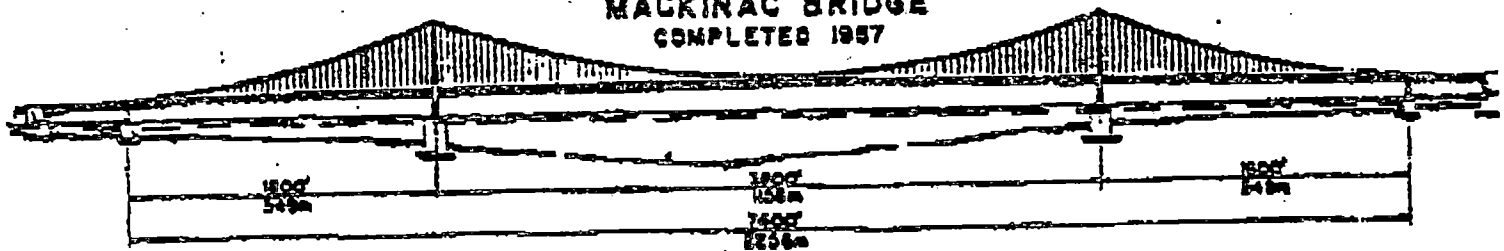
Once the President has completed the 4 1/2 mile walk he will reach the southern end of the Bridge located in Mackinaw City and will depart from there. At the end of the walk each year the Mackinac Bridge Authority provides certificates to each walker who has completed the walk. As a final photo opportunity the Governor could possibly present the President with the number 1 certificate for completing the walk.

Note: There may be concerns regarding the movement of traffic in the west lanes of the Bridge during the walk. Option- you could close these lanes. However, the traffic problem would be great since these lanes are part of I-75. The press would be negative.

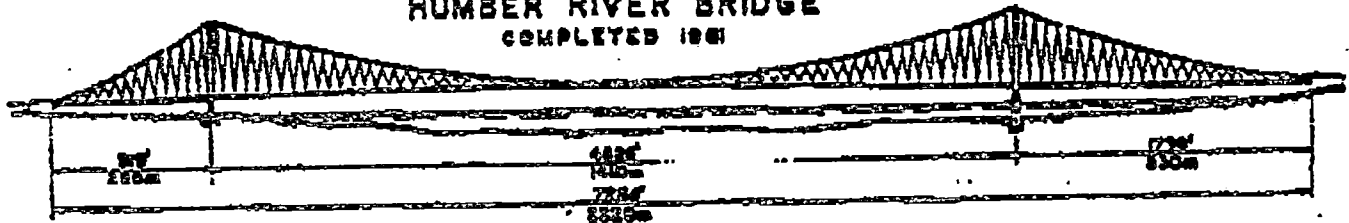
Note: The advance team can determine press filing site or file when you get to Detroit.

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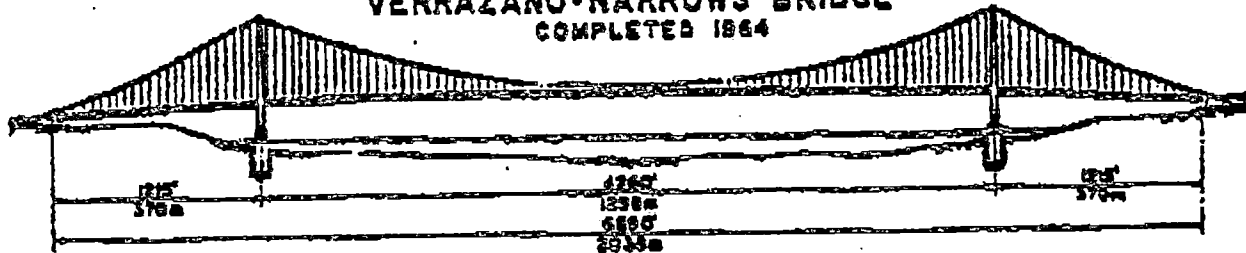
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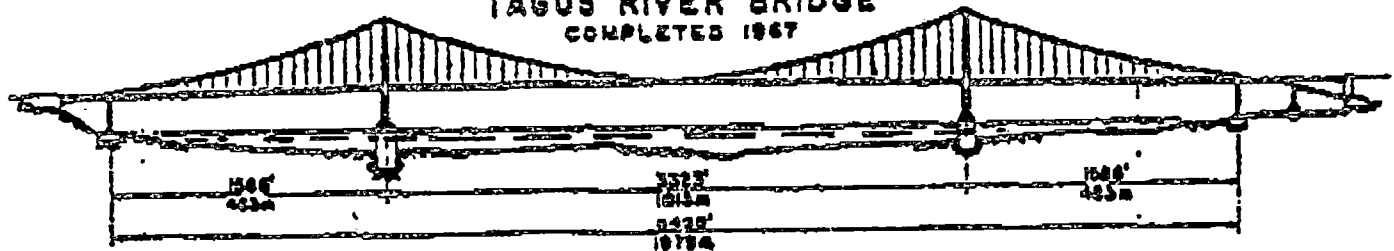
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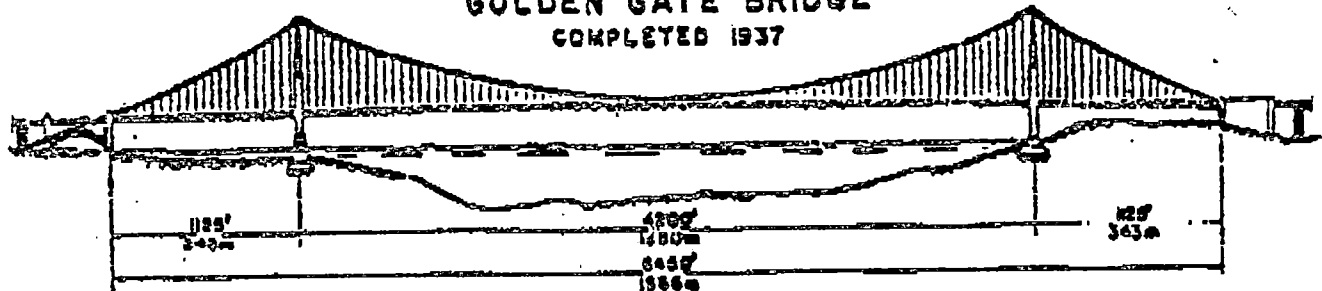
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Mackinac Bridge Authority
St. Ignace, Michigan
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HISTORY

MACKINAC BRIDGE

A newspaper, the Lansing Republican, dated February 5, 1884, reprinted a story from the Grand Traverse Herald pointing out that the experiment to provide all-year service across the Straits by boat had failed, and that if a great east-west route were ever to be established through Michigan a bridge or tunnel would be required. The editor considered both as practicable; the only question in his mind was that of cost.

The dedication of the Brooklyn Bridge in 1883 gave Mackinac Bridge backers encouragement. A St. Ignace store owner in 1884 reprinted an artist's conception of the famous New York structure in his advertising and captioned it "Proposed bridge across the Straits of Mackinac."

On July 1, 1888, the board of directors of the famous Grand Hotel at Mackinac Island held their first meeting and the minutes show that Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt said: "We now have the largest, well-equipped hotel of its kind in the world for a short season business. Now what we need is a bridge across the Straits." The great Fifth of Forth Bridge in Scotland was under construction then and completed in 1889.

During the ensuing years there were a few farfetched ideas about the connection of Michigan's two peninsulas. In 1920 the state highway commissioner suggested a floating tunnel. He invited other engineers to suggest ideas for crossing the Straits. Mr. C.E. Fowler of New York City came forward with an ambitious project to solve the problem with a series of bridges and causeways that would start at Cheboygan, some 17 miles southeast of Mackinaw City, traverse Bois Blanc and Round Islands, touch the southern tip of Mackinac Island, and leap across the deep channel at St. Ignace.

In 1923 the Legislature ordered the State Highway Department to establish a ferry service at the Straits. Within five years traffic on this facility became so heavy that the late Governor Fred Green ordered the same agency to make a study of bridge feasibility. The report was favorable and its cost was estimated at 30 million dollars. Some strides to get the project underway were taken but it was eventually dropped.

Writing in the Michigan Alumnus-Quarterly Review, spring 1937, the late James H. Cissel, Secretary of the Mackinac Straits Bridge Authority, said:

"Early in 1934 the matter was again revived and proposed as a suitable P.W.A. project. In the extra session of 1934 the Legislature created the Mackinac Straits Bridge Authority of Michigan and empowered it to investigate the feasibility of such construction and to finance the work by issuance of revenue bonds. The Authority began its studies in May 1934 and has been continuously active since that date.

"Although limited funds precluded full and complete preliminary studies, the Authority was able to reach the conclusion that it was feasible to construct a bridge directly across the Straits at an estimated cost of not more than \$32,400,000, for a combined two lane highway and one-track railway bridge. In its studies the Authority utilized soundings made by the War Department Engineers and was aided by the gratuitous counsel and advice of engineers and contractors experienced in work of this magnitude."

The Authority made two attempts between 1934 and 1936 to obtain loans and grants from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, but P.W.A. refused both applications despite endorsement by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the report that the late President Roosevelt favored the bridge.

Notwithstanding these setbacks, bridge backers resumed their efforts with their usual vigor. From 1936 to 1940 a new direct route was selected, borings were made, traffic, geologic, ice and water current studies of a very comprehensive nature were completed. A mole or causeway jutting 4,200 feet into the Straits from St. Ignace south was constructed. Preliminary plans for a double suspension span were drawn and the possibility of a bridge became very real. But the Armies of Europe began to march and bridge progress came to a halt. Finally, in 1947, the State Legislature abolished the Mackinac Straits Bridge Authority.

Again, the bridge backers swung into action and a citizens' committee was established to obtain legislation recreating a bridge authority. By 1950 the legislation was enacted, but it limited the newly created Authority to determine feasibility only. The law required the Authority to consult with three of the world's foremost long span bridge engineers and traffic consultants for advice on physical and financial feasibility.

In January of 1951 the Authority submitted a very favorable preliminary report, stating that a bridge could be built and financed with revenue bonds for \$85,000,000, but because of the shortage of materials due to the Korean outbreak, legislation to finance and build the structure was delayed until early in 1952. Immediately, the Authority asked the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to purchase \$85,000,000 worth of bonds.

While this agency was studying the request a private investment banker became interested in the project, and offered to manage a group of investment companies which would underwrite the sale of the bonds. The Authority accepted the offer and was ready to offer its bonds for sale by March of 1953. There were not enough takers to guarantee successful underwriting. The money market had weakened.

In order to make the bonds more attractive, the Legislature passed an act during the spring of 1953 whereby the operating and maintenance cost of the structure, up to \$417,000 annually, would be paid for out of gasoline and license plate taxes. Another effort to finance with this added inducement in June of 1953 was likewise unsuccessful, but toward the end of the year the market recovered and \$99,800,000 worth of Mackinac Bridge bonds were bought by investors all over the country. Contracts which had been awarded contingent upon this financing were immediately implemented.

The five-mile bridge, including approaches, and the world's longest suspension bridge between cable anchorages, had been designed by the great engineer Dr. David B. Steinman. Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation's \$25,735,600 agreement to build all the foundations led to the mobilization of the largest bridge construction fleet ever assembled. The American Bridge Division of United States Steel Corporation, awarded a \$44,532,900 contract to build this superstructure, began its work of planning and assembly. In U.S. Steel's mills the various shapes, plates, bars, wire and cables of steel necessary for the superstructure and for the caissons and cofferdams of the foundation, were prepared. The bridge was officially begun and proper ceremonies on May 7 & 8, 1954, at St. Ignace and Mackinaw City.

The bridge opened to traffic on November 1, 1957 according to schedule, despite the many hazards of marine construction over the turbulent Straits of Mackinac. While traffic never met the highly optimistic predictions of the experts, the revenues of the Bridge have always been sufficient to meet its obligations. The last of the Mackinac Bridge bonds were retired July 1, 1986. Fare revenues are now used to operate and maintain the Bridge and repay the State of Michigan for monies advanced to the Authority since the facility opened to traffic in 1957.

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Thank you.