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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: WORKING FAMILY SPEECH
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
FRIDAY, SEPT. 25, 1992

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Most of you have families. Think about the family budget in 1955. Back then, the average family spent 5 percent of its adjusted gross income on federal taxes -- today, the figure's almost 24 per cent. / We don't need a President who makes things worse -- taxing everything from groceries to beer and gas to cable TV, as my opponent has in Arkansas. We do need lower taxes and spending to get lower priced goods for American consumers -- and new customers for American goods. /

Look around you here. Union members from Locals like UAW 551, Operating Engineers 150, and Carpenters Local 60. Auto workers, and pilots. The Building Trade. Steel workers and tradesmen. Every day you go to work -- compete -- don't retreat. You work like heck. Strive to excel. Know that whether it's Munster, Indiana, or Rosemont, Illinois -- it doesn't matter.

When trade is free and fair, America beats the competition fair and square -- anywhere. //

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I'll take a stand for policies that favor the working family. I want real welfare reform -- to help families stick together and fathers to stick around. / I'm the one who'll keep inflation low -- so that money buys more at the supermarket. And who's kept interest rates low -- so that working families can buy that first house. / And I'm for keeping the fuel standards at 27.5. All of you are hard-working, self-reliant, proud. You know you don't have to hurt the worker to help the economy. The worst environment of all is to be cold / broke / and unemployed.

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Finally, a personal word. I appreciate this day more than you can know. Anyone can endorse a front-runner. It takes character to back someone who's coming from behind. My friends, I will never forget your loyalty. In years to come, you can tell your kids and grand-kids: "I stuck with the President when he needed me most. And we won." //

Thank you for your help, and prayers. God bless you, and the United States of America.

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When I first heard I was heading for the "Windy City," I was afraid I was paying a visit to Capitol Hill. / Instead, I'm glad to be back in the City of Big Shoulders. But enough about the White Sox' Frank Thomas. / Talk about Most Valuable Player. /

Today, I want to talk about some Most Valuable Americans -- working men and women. And how ... together ... we can win the great challenge of the 1990s -- the war of economic competition.

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Most of you have families. (Think about the family budget in 1945 -- the year many of us came back from war.) Back then, the average family spent 2 percent of its adjusted gross income on federal taxes -- today, the figure's almost 24 per cent. / We don't need a President who makes things worse -- taxing everything from groceries to beer and gas to cable TV, as my opponent has in Arkansas. We do need low taxes, and spending to get lower priced goods for American consumers -- and new customers for American goods. /

~~It would be 96 if it's just income~~
Use 11% for '45 if use payroll tax, income tax

Agenda

then it would save 24% Total - Glenn Hubbard, Treasury - 622-0130

Look around you here. Union members from Locals like __, __, and __. Auto workers. Pilots. Operating engineers. Machinists. Every day you go to work -- compete -- don't retreat. You work like heck. Strive to excel. Know that whether it's Munster, Indiana, or Winnetka, Illinois -- it doesn't matter. When trade is free and fair, America beats the competition fair and square -- anywhere. //

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I'll be the first to admit my opponent's slick. Earlier this month the Cubs played the Los Angeles Dodgers. Governor Clinton is the Artful Dodger. / Slickness is useful in politics. Honesty is essential in life. Governor Clinton won't tell you if you ask him. I'll tell you even if you don't. //

I'm the one whose policies favor the working family. I want real welfare reform -- to help families stick together and dead-beat dads stick around. I'm for NAFTA -- because more free trade means more working family jobs. / I'm the one who'll keep

inflation low -- so that money buys more at the supermarket. And who's kept interest rates low -- so that working families can buy that first house. / And I'm for keeping the fuel standards at 27.5. Earlier today, I toured the Ford Motor Company, Chicago Assembly Plant. Talked to men and women -- self-reliant, patriotic, proud. They know lessons you learn in the assembly line -- not bull sessions at Oxford University. You don't have to hurt the worker to help the economy. The worst environment of all is to be cold / broke / and unemployed.

Now, I want to be fair. I do have to thank the Democratic nominee for making my grandparenting a little easier. One of my grandkids asked me when she could stay up until 11 o'clock. I said: "When Bill Clinton sticks with a position on an issue." //

My opponent thinks he can coast to election on a slogan and a smile. / Wants his pals in Hollywood -- as he said last week - - to -- quote -- "write the future." / Doesn't understand that our future lies not among the trendy and fashionable -- but in the homes of working men and women, building and buying in the freedom of the market. //

Think about it. Now that Russia, Mexico, Eastern Europe, the whole world -- is going our way -- why would we go back their way? We can't -- and won't. Not with your help, and your prayers. Thank you, and God bless the United States of America.

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B/O "Backgrounder"

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David
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**MEMORANDUM
OF CALL**

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Emily Reynolds

OF (Organization)

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... Northwest economy.

Likewise, in Michigan and Ohio, Republicans are claiming that the Arkansas governor's support for a proposal to boost fuel efficiency standards for cars will take away jobs from auto plants that are major employers in both states.

... Bush to unveil a proposed change to the Endangered Species Act that, according to Black, would help "to protect the owl and save those jobs." Clinton supports the present law.

* Fuel standards. Michigan and Ohio. In the industrial Midwest, where he needs to do well to make up for the anticipated loss of California, Bush seeks to ...

... go "from the assembly line to the unemployment line" if Congress approves a legislative proposal, backed by Clinton, that would boost the auto-efficiency requirement to 40 miles per gallon, from the current 27.5 m.p.g. standard.

"In most places when you in are in a ...

Los Angeles Times, September 14, 1992

... close call," Black says.

Clinton has recently edged away from the 40 m.p.g. standard, calling it only a goal.

* Defense contracts. California and Texas. Republicans claim Clinton's proposal to trim defense spending by \$60 billion would cost ...

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The Hotline

September 8, 1992

SECTION: WHITE HOUSE '92

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HEADLINE: CLINTON: OPENS WEEKEND WITH SIERRA BACKING

... height of hypocrisy" (Bush-Quayle release, 9/5).

OTHER ENVIRO NEWS: In an interview with the DETROIT NEWS, Clinton said one of his priorities in office "would be to covert federal vehicle fleets from gasoline to natural gas engines" and to push for greater fuel efficiency. But he said "Gore's call for abolishing gas-powered vehicles is only a long-range goal" (Willing, DETROIT NEWS, 9/6). Rep. John Boehner (R-OH) said Clinton's call for increased fuel efficiency standards "could send 20,000 Ohio workers from the assembly line to the unemployment line" (Bush-Quayle release, 9/7). Gore: "If we assume that the ...

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GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

September 5, 1992, Saturday

LENGTH: 386 words

HEADLINE: CLINTON: U.S. SHOULD CONVERT CARS TO NATURAL GAS ENGINES

BYLINE: RICHARD WILLING; The Detroit News

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

KEYWORD: POL-CLINTON

... a Wednesday interview with The Detroit News for publication on Sunday. He discussed unions, jobs, trade with Mexico and his controversial goal of raising the average fuel efficiency of U.S. cars to 40 miles per gallon.

The Democratic nominee also talked about his feelings toward President Bush - "it's ...

The Associated Press, August 28, 1992

Quayle said jobs in the car industry were threatened under the Clinton -Gore ticket's proposals for higher fuel efficiency standards and their "bizarre" views on how to safeguard the environment.

Democratic vice presidential nominee Al Gore retorted that the White House was " ...

... engine must be eliminated. It's all pretty bizarre stuff."

Gore is a cosponsor of legislation that would raise average auto fuel efficiency standards from the current 27.5 miles per gallon to 40 miles by the year 2001. Clinton has embraced that goal and suggested a 45 mpg standard for 2020.

"I think it's an outrage for them, presiding over the ...

The Washington Post, August 23, 1992

... say will lead to the loss of millions of U.S. manufacturing jobs to cheap labor in Mexico. On Aug. 12, Clinton issued a statement endorsing a free-trade pact in principle but withholding judgment on the specific proposal until he studies its details.

"When I have a definitive opinion, I'll say so," Clinton told the Detroit Economic Club on Friday. Today he let stand without comment an assertion by a questioner at a senior ...

... accord, 3 million U.S. jobs would be lost to Mexico.

The other issue involves demands for more stringent automobile fuel-efficiency standards, which critics say also would threaten millions of jobs in the beleaguered U.S. auto industry. Gore is a cosponsor of legislation that would increase the mandatory fuel-efficiency standard from 27.5 to 40 miles per gallon by early in the next century, a stance his staff says is an opening negotiating position with the auto industry. Clinton told the Detroit Economic Club he was "flexible" on the issue, adding, "I don't think we should ask the impossible."

"We're going to have to raise the mileage [standard], but there are ...

The Washington Post, August 23, 1992

... in response to a Bush campaign ad in the Cleveland Plain Dealer citing Gore's sponsorship of the legislation. "If Bill Clinton has his way, 20,000 Ohio auto workers will go from the assembly line to the unemployment line," the ad said.

Clinton's first bus tour to Ohio took him to largely white, Republican areas in the central part of the state. In contrast, he ...

NAMED-PERSONS: BILL CLINTON; ALBERT GORE JR.; HILLARY CLINTON; GEORGE BUSH

The Washington Post, September 22, 1992

stresses Clinton's support for raising automobile fuel efficiency standards, known as CAFE standards, to 40 miles per gallon by the year 2000, which both industry and labor oppose. Bush campaign officials say Clinton also will be called on to explain a recent statement in Rolling Stone magazine, where he said the auto industry will have to learn to produce cars with fewer workers.

To Reagan Democrats, Bush wants to paint Clinton as a taxer and spender. Bush campaign chairman Robert M. Teeter said the Reagan Democrats "are the perfect example of the voters we ...

GANNETT NEWS SERVICE, September 20, 1992

... workers to help pay for health insurance; 40 percent say Bush's approach is better.

- 61 percent agree with Clinton in backing 40 miles-per-gallon fuel standards for U.S. autos by 2000; 33 percent agree with Bush who says it will cost jobs.

- Respondents are nearly split on whether homosexuals should be allowed to serve in the armed forces: 49 percent say yes, the Clinton position; 42 percent say no, the Bush stand.

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... for each child attending a private or parochial school; 43 percent are opposed.

- 50 percent say they prefer Clinton's health-care plan to require employers who do not offer health insurance to pay into a federal fund over ...

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HEADLINE: Know who you're pulling for

KEYWORD: fifth series 1992 presidential campaign

BODY:

Energy

BUSH: The president favors boosting domestic oil exploration and production, most controversially in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. At the same time he has imposed a 10-year-ban on gas and oil exploration off the coasts of California and most of New England and south Florida and pushed ratification of an international treaty banning oil exploration and mining in Antarctica.

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He has opposed calls to increase the current fuel efficiency standard of 27 miles per gallon, saying it would hurt the U.S. economy. He has pushed for a revival of the nation's struggling nuclear power industry, while saying he also favors more investment in energy conservation and renewable energy.

CLINTON: He has opposed increased oil drilling in environmentally sensitive areas and would boost production of the nation's ample reserves of natural gas, which is cleaner-burning than petroleum products or coal.

Star Tribune, September 20, 1992

He has endorsed boosting fuel efficiency standards to as much as 45 miles per gallon, but has recently backed off from that stance. He has proposed a "feebate" system that would give ...

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September 20, 1992, Metro Edition

SECTION: News; What's at stake; Pg. 18A

LENGTH: 674 words

HEADLINE: Gore is setting the tone for the Democratic ticket

BYLINE: Bob von Sternberg; Staff Writer

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... in the next century, while returning no more than \$ 25 billion a year in benefits. Tougher automobile fuel -efficiency standards are a case in point: Republicans have said that raising the standard to as much as 45 miles per gallon, as the Democrats have advocated, could cost as many as 300,000 autoworker jobs. The number of jobs created in the already-booming pollution-control industry have not been calculated, but the Republican charge worked, prompting Gore and Clinton to hastily backpedal.

Los Angeles Times, September 13, 1992

The battle over whether to increase fuel -efficiency standards pits environmentalists, whom Clinton has courted assiduously, against the auto workers who form a traditional power base in the crucial upper Midwest.

...

... retraining -- and the President really has no proposal on that -- and very little on environmental cleanup, two things he made real commitments on," Clinton said.

In most cases, Clinton's straddles are technically consistent. Although he can lean stronger one way or the other depending upon the audience, he has generally left ...

... maneuvering on the free trade agreement and the F-15 sales.

He appears to have edged closer to flip-flopping in the case of the fuel -efficiency standards. After initially supporting a bill that would raise the average American car's fuel efficiency from 27.5 to 40 miles per gallon, he has recently called the hike "a goal."

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SHOW: MORNING EDITION

September 10, 1992, Thursday

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DATELINE: DETROIT

... presidential election. Bill Clinton is leading in the polls there, but President Bush is working hard to narrow the gap. Today the president gives a speech at the Economic Club of Detroit, and he's expected to portray Clinton as a threat to the US auto industry. Don Gonyea reports. Don Gonyea reporting: In Michigan, one in five jobs is related to the automobile industry, so it's no surprise that President Bush has been focusing on an issue he feels will make voters here uncomfortable with the prospects of a Clinton presidency. The issue is the fuel efficiency of the cars Detroit makes. Right now the government mandates fuel efficiency standards through regulations known as CAFE, or Corporate Average Fuel Economy. Current CAFE law requires

National Public Radio, September 10, 1992

that an automaker's fleet of cars average 27 1/2 miles to the gallon. Governor Clinton, however, in a speech this past April, said he supports a proposal by Nevada Senator Richard Bryan to increase that number to 40 miles per gallon by the year 2001, prompting this from President ...

... Detroit, Governor Clinton spoke to an audience peppered with top auto industry executives. When asked about CAFE, he appeared to soften his position in support of the so-called Bryan Bill. Governor Bill Clinton (Democratic Presidential Nominee): I strongly believe we have to raise the mileage standards, but I have never said that I didn't think there was more than one way to do it, or that we shouldn't be flexible in the way we approach it. I thought that the goal was a good goal. That's what I said in April; that's what I still believe. Gonyea: Governor Clinton maintains that higher fuel economy standards can be achieved in a manner that won't hurt the auto industry or cost auto workers their jobs. An independent study of the question by the University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute falls somewhere between the Clinton and Bush positions. Researcher David Andrea says it's impossible to predict how expensive meeting the 40 miles per gallon standard would be for automakers. As for job losses, Andrea says there would be some,

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The Democratic nominee also talked about his feelings toward President Bush - 'it's ...

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... it without being negative. So in that way, there is some analogy with the whole AA thing.'

On other points, Clinton said:

- America 'badly needs' a free trade treaty with Mexico, but stopped short of endorsing Bush's version.
- Fuel efficiency standards should be pegged to car sizes rather than fleet averages to aid Detroit manufacturers.
- He's flexible on how and when to reach his 40 mpg fuel efficiency goal.
- Unions should alter work rules to increase productivity.
- Running mate Albert Gore's call for abolishing gas-powered vehicles is only a long-range goal.