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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 25, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR STEVE PROVOST
DAN MC GROARTY
CHRISTINA MARTIN
RAY SILLER

FROM: ED WALTERS

SUBJECT: ALBUQUERQUE LOCAL COLOR

THE EVENT:

On Monday, October 26, the President will address 6,000 supporters at the Civic Plaza in downtown Albuquerque, New Mexico at 2 p.m. Ricky Skaggs will be there, along with a local band called Route 66 and the El Dorado High School band.

LOCAL COLOR:

The Civic Plaza is in the middle of downtown Albuquerque, and features what they call the Bicentennial Tree -- the seed was carried to the moon in 1976 by astronauts aboard Apollo 14, then planted in Civic Plaza. Olympic gold medalist Trent Dimas (swimming) is from Albuquerque, as is Indy 500 winner Al Unser: both champions were welcomed home with rallies in the Civic Plaza ("Bodes well for me, I hope.")

There will be two banners: Annoy the Media -- Re-elect Bush; and Albuquerque Wants President Bush -- Trust, Honor, Character. Additionally, there will be hand-held signs saying "Viva Bush" in George P. fashion. When the First Lady visited Albuquerque on Aug. 25, there were hand-held signs saying "Senora Bush."

Captain Ozone [aka Al Gore] made an appearance at the Kodak International Balloon Fiesta earlier this month in Albuquerque. There were 600 balloons and 250,000 people there.

Industry: Nuclear power is big business in New Mexico. One large factor in the President's 1988 win was Dukakis's uneasiness with nuclear energy. The state is home to Sandia, a key nuclear research facility in the U.S., and it is volunteering to be a dumping site for nuclear waste.

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Government is also big in the city. Sandia and Kirtland AFB are the city's biggest employers. Kirtland, Cannon, Holloman Air Force Bases. Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory is also in New Mexico, as is White Sands Missile Range (the first firing range for the A-bomb). Also National Solar Observatory and National Radio Astronomy Observatory. Government accounts for 26 percent of all jobs in the state, one of the highest figures in the nation.

One striking feature of Albuquerque is its deep roots in its Indian and Hispanic culture. Even as the city booms, there is areal cultural identity rooted in a civilization dating back as far as the 1400s (i.e. the principles that guide change are the principles that never change).

Ted Kennedy was recently stumping in Espanola and Santa Fe for Gov. Clinton (10/15). His travelling companion -- University of New Mexico Hospital doctor-in-residence William Kennedy Smith. The elder and aging Kennedy evoked the memory of his brother John in support of Clinton.

George Jr. spoke for his father in Las Cruces, NM on Tuesday (10/21), telling supporters to ignore the polls, full speed ahead. Marilyn Quayle met with Hispanic leaders and a victim of gang violence on the same day in Albuquerque. Jack Kemp was in Roswell, NM last week, also. The President last visited Albuquerque Sept. 5 when he visited Sandia Laboratories. Both Quayle and Gore will be in New Mexico Wednesday.

FAST FACTS:

- Land of Enchantment; State Motto: Crescit Eundo (It grows as it goes).
- An Albuquerque Journal poll Sunday (10/18) found:

Clinton	42%	
Bush	30%	Error +/- 3%
Perot	9%	

The results are almost identical to those of a 9/12 poll. Three biggest issues facing the nation: economy, jobs, deficit.
- Unemployment in Albuquerque: 5.1 percent; Statewide: 7.2 percent.

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- Billy the Kid Bonney, Kit Carson, Peter Hurd, Nancy Lopez, Bill Malden, Georgia O'Keefe, Al Unser, and Bobby Unser are all from New Mexico.
- Carlsbad Caverns, White Sands AFB, Sandia Labs, Kirkland AFB, University of New Mexico all in Albuquerque.

Bill Clinton impact in New Mexico:

- Payroll tax of 7-9 would put up to 54,000 jobs at risk statewide;
- Tax on foreign investment jeopardizes 17,400 workers in the state;
- Carbon tax would threaten up to 24,000 jobs and could raise NM energy bills almost \$370/year.
- Defense cuts will cost 3,900 jobs (according to a University of New Mexico study).
- Total: about 100,000 jobs lost or at risk.
- Use these stats as cited: words are carefully chosen.

POLITICAL CLIMATE:

New Mexico has voted heavily Republican between 1968 to 1984, but the 1988 election there was close (Bush 52%, Dukakis 47%). According to the 1992 Almanac of American Politics, Albuquerque is among the least Republican of Sun Belt cities. Almost all state officials are Democrats, with the exception of Sen. Pete Domenici and Albuquerque's Rep. Steven Schiff.

Schiff came to New Mexico for law school from Chicago and never left. He became a cop in Albuquerque, then a D.A. for the city. He was first elected to Congress in 1988, and he has a reputation for his anti-crime crusades as well as his stalwart ethics (he accepts no honoraria, for example).

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HUMOR/APPLAUSE LINES:

I heard that Al Gore -- Senator Ozone -- was out here for the International Balloon Fiesta. Filled 600 balloons by himself.

Don't let Senator Ozone into this lovely park, or you'll find him hugging the Bicentennial Tree.

Albuquerque is at the forefront in dismantling nuclear weapons. I guess with the historic disarmament agreements I have signed with Boris Yeltsin, you guys have been awfully busy. I hope to make you even busier for four more years.

Our support is like your state motto: Crescit Eundo: It grows as it goes.

State Bird is the roadrunner. Beep Beep. Might be something funny about that.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

- 1) U.S. SENATOR PETE DOMENICI
- 2) U.S. CONGRESSMAN STEVE SCHIFF (1st District)
- 3) U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOE SKEEN (2nd District)
- 4) HON. GARREY CARRUTHERS, former Governor of New Mexico
- 5) MR. JOHN LATTAUZIO, New Mexico State GOP chairman
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- 13) Mrs. Shirley Leslie, former New Mexico National Committeewoman

(Political's suggested Acknowledgements in CAPS)

October 24, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR MEL LUKENS

FROM: RONALD C. KAUFMAN
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
POLITICAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED GREETERS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
TO NEW MEXICO -- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1992

The Office of Political Affairs would like to recommend the following individuals greet the President on arrival in New Mexico on Monday, October 26, 1992.

- 1) Senator Pete Domenici
U.S. Senator
- 2) Congressman Steve Schiff
1st Congressional District
- 3) Congressman Joe Skeen
2nd Congressional District
- 4) The Hon. Garrey Carruthers, Former Governor of New Mexico
- 5) Mr. John Lattaudio, New Mexico State GOP Chairman
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KATHY SUPER
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DAVID VALDEZ
ROSE ZAMARIA
ROBERT ZOELICK
USSS/PPD OPS
WHCA OPS
MEDICAL UNIT
AIRLIFT OPS
WHTV

FROM:

JOHN G. KELLER, JR. *UMP For JGK*

SUBJECT:

TRIP OF THE PRESIDENT TO BILLINGS, MONTANA;
DENVER, COLORADO; ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO; DES
MOINES, IOWA; PADUCAH, KENTUCKY; KETTERING,
OHIO; AND LIMA, OHIO, OCTOBER 26 - 27, 1992

For your use and planning purposes, the attached is a preliminary outline schedule for the Trip of the President to Billings, Montana; Denver, Colorado; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Des Moines, Iowa; Paducah, Kentucky; Kettering, Ohio; and Lima, Ohio, October 26 - 27, 1992.

Please keep in mind the following information has not been finally approved and is subject to change.

Attachments

PRELIMINARY OUTLINE SCHEDULE

Revised 10/24 10:00 am

October 26 - 27, 1992

Monday, October 26, 1992

8:40 am MOTORCADE departs Holiday Inn Billings Plaza en
route Billings Logan International Airport.

(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

8:55 am MOTORCADE arrives Billings Logan International
Airport.

9:00 am AIR FORCE ONE departs Billings, Montana
(M.S.T.) en route Denver, Colorado.

(Flying Time: 1 Hour 15 Minutes)

(Interchange: No)

(Time Change: None)

10:15 am AIR FORCE ONE arrives Stapleton Airport,
(M.S.T.) Denver, Colorado.

10:25 am MOTORCADE departs Stapleton Airport en route
Colorado Convention Center.

(Drive Time: 20 Minutes)

10:45 am MOTORCADE arrives Colorado Convention Center.

* ADDRESS ACE HARDWARE SEMI-ANNUAL
CONVENTION AND EXHIBIT

- Open Press

- Remarks

(10:50 am - 11:20 am)

* PRIVATE TIME: 30 MINUTES

(11:25 am - 11:55 am)

6:15 pm
(C.S.T.)

AIR FORCE ONE arrives Des Moines International
Airport, Des Moines, Iowa.

6:25 pm

MOTORCADE departs Des Moines International Airport
en route Embassy Suites on the River Hotel.

(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

6:40 pm

MOTORCADE arrives Embassy Suites on the River
Hotel.

* MEDIA INTERVIEW WITH DAVID FROST
- Closed Press
(6:45 pm - 7:15 pm)

RON Des Moines, Iowa

Tuesday, October 27, 1992

6:35 am MOTORCADE departs Embassy Suites on the River
Hotel en route State Capitol.

 (Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

6:40 am MOTORCADE arrives State Capitol.

* TODAY SHOW INTERVIEW
 - Closed Press; Live Television Coverage
 (7:00 am - 7:30 am)

7:35 am MOTORCADE departs State Capitol en route Embassy
Suites on the River Hotel.

 (Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

7:40 am MOTORCADE arrives Embassy Suites on the River
Hotel.

* PRIVATE TIME: 1 HOUR
 (7:45 am - 8:45 am)

8:50 am MOTORCADE departs Embassy Suites On the River
Hotel en route Des Moines Convention Center.

 (Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

8:55 am MOTORCADE arrives Des Moines Convention Center.

* "ASK GEORGE BUSH"
 - Open Press
 - Remarks
 (9:00 am - 9:40 am)

* PRIVATE TIME: 20 MINUTES
 (9:45 am - 10:05 am)

10:10 am MOTORCADE departs Des Moines Convention Center
en route Des Moines International Airport.

 (Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

2:20 pm MOTORCADE departs Site en route Paducah Landing Zone.

(Drive Time: 10 Minutes)

2:30 pm MOTORCADE arrives Paducah Landing Zone.

2:35 pm MARINE ONE departs Paducah Landing Zone, Paducah, Kentucky en route Campbell Army Airfield, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

(Flying Time: 35 Minutes)

3:10 pm MARINE ONE arrives Campbell Army Airfield, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

3:20 pm AIR FORCE ONE departs Ft. Campbell, Kentucky
(C.S.T.) en route Dayton, Ohio.

(Flying Time: 1 Hour)
(Interchange: No)
(Time Change: Ahead 1 Hour)

5:20 pm AIR FORCE ONE arrives Wright Patterson Air Force
(E.S.T.) Base, Dayton, Ohio.

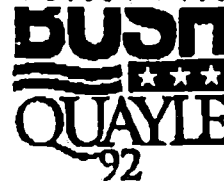
5:30 pm MOTORCADE departs Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio en route Faze Pavillion, Kettering, Ohio.

(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

5:45 pm MOTORCADE arrives Faze Pavillion.

* KETTERING WELCOME
- Open Press
- Remarks
(5:50 pm - 6:20 pm)

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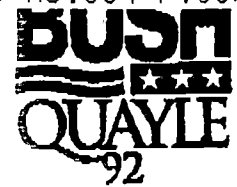
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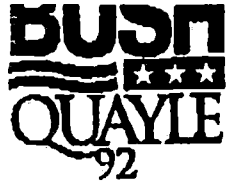
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Clinton Maintains Double-Digit Lead in N.M. Poll

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) New Mexico voters surveyed in a new poll gave Democrat Bill Clinton a double-digit lead over President Bush while independent Ross Perot remained a distant third.

The Albuquerque Journal reported in a copyright story Sunday that 42 percent of the voters surveyed said they supported Clinton.

Bush had the support of 30 percent of those polled and 9 percent backed Perot, running as an independent.

Eighteen percent of the New Mexicans said they still were undecided on the presidential race and 1 percent said they supported "none of the above."

Clinton led Bush and Perot among all age groups in the survey. He also led among both men and women and in all three of the state's congressional districts.

The statewide poll of 925 registered voters was done for the Journal by Research and Polling Inc. of Albuquerque. The survey was conducted Oct. 13-16 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The Journal poll began Tuesday, after the first of the nationally televised presidential debates last Sunday night. The polling concluded Friday evening after the second debate on Thursday. The survey period included the vice presidential debate Tuesday night.

The survey numbers were nearly identical to those in a Journal poll conducted Sept. 8-11.

A Clinton win in New Mexico on Nov. 3 would be the first time a Democratic presidential candidate has carried the state since Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

Voters in the new poll were asked if they had been watching the presidential debates.

Seventy-eight percent said they had watched one or more of the debates but 88 percent of that group said the debates had not changed their mind about whom to vote for. Those results had a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Among Clinton supporters, the most frequently cited reason for their support was that the country needs a change.

The most frequently cited reason for supporting Bush was that he's doing a good job. An almost equal number of people said they were supporting the president because they didn't like Clinton.

The top reason Perot supporters gave for backing the Texas billionaire was the belief he would improve the economy.

Nearly three-fourths of the voters surveyed said the economy and jobs are the biggest issues facing the next president. The next most frequently mentioned issue was the federal budget deficit.

Some 47 percent of the voters polled said they would be willing to make personal financial sacrifices, such as paying higher taxes or accepting cuts in federal programs like Medicaid and Medicare, to reduce the deficit and the national debt. Thirty-seven percent said they would not be willing to make such sacrifices, and 16 percent said they were undecided.

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EDs: CORRECTS Bush Jr. references in 1st, 5th grafs; picks up

LAS CRUCES (AP) George W. Bush, son of President Bush, is urging his father's supporters not to get discouraged by polls that show Bush running behind Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton.

"You have to fight through these tough polls. The press doesn't run this country," the younger Bush told about 200 people attending a Republican Party fund-raiser here Tuesday. "The people of this country run this country.

"There are 14 days before the election and a lot can happen."

"I've been all over this nation and I haven't met anyone who has been polled," he said.

George W. Bush was among several notable Republicans, including Marilyn Quayle, wife of Vice President Dan Quayle, who spent time in the state this week as part of the Bush-Quayle campaign's effort to overtake front-runners Clinton and running mate Al Gore.

Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan Jr., who also campaigned for the president in Las Cruces, echoed the younger Bush's sentiments.

"I can't believe those polls," said Lujan, a former 10-term Republican congressman from New Mexico.

"Everywhere I go, hardly anyone says they're going to vote for Bill Clinton," he said. "They all say they're going to vote George Bush."

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Date: 10/21/92 Time: 16:12

Marilyn Quayle: Bush Has Been Good to Hispanics

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) Marilyn Quayle told Hispanic business and community leaders here Wednesday a vote for Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton would be a vote to set Hispanics back.

The wife of Vice President Dan Quayle wound up a campaign visit to New Mexico by meeting with an estimated 150 Hispanic leaders from throughout the state before leaving for Greeley and Fort Collins, Colo.

"There's very much at stake in this election and it's very important to have the Hispanic vote," Mrs. Quayle said after the breakfast meeting. "The strides that have been made in the United States by people of Hispanic origin are tremendous and we cannot break that stride."

"President Bush has been working for Hispanic Americans throughout his entire political career."

That theme was echoed by New Mexico GOP leaders Edward Lujan and David Archuleta, who urged Hispanics to join the Bush-Quayle bandwagon.

"President Bush has included Hispanics at senior level positions in his administration as equal partners in managing our country's future," said Lujan, the party's former state chairman and brother of Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan Jr. "After all these gains, why would we throw it all away?"

Archuleta, chairman of New Mexico Hispanics for Bush-Quayle, said Clinton has ignored minorities, particularly Hispanics, during his tenure as Arkansas governor.

Mrs. Quayle arrived in Albuquerque on Tuesday from Hobbs and toured pediatric units at University Hospital and the adjoining Cancer Research Center. She then shared a potluck dinner with about 200 party faithful at a middle school.

She urged volunteers to work door-to-door during the final two weeks before the Nov. 3 election, telling them, "The national media isn't on our side."

In Hobbs, a Republican stronghold, she lauded the Bush and Reagan administrations before a crowd of about 400.

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Texas House Race Casts Doubt On Belief Hispanics Loyal

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) Republican Henry Bonilla's challenge to four-term Democrat Albert Bustamante is raising doubts about traditional notions that Hispanic loyalties always rest with the Democratic Party.

Republicans have learned that "by running Hispanic candidates, you get Hispanics coming out," said Robert Brischetto, executive director of the Southwest Voter Research Institute.

Bonilla, 38, took a leave of absence from his job as a public affairs producer at a television station in San Antonio to oppose Bustamante in the newly drawn, predominantly Hispanic district.

The two candidates are among the record number of Hispanics 29 in all who are seeking a seat in the House this year, more than double the 13 who sought elected office in 1984.

The 20 Democrats and nine Republicans running in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York and Texas are looking to increase the current House total of 14 Hispanics.

The potential for a Republican Hispanic victory exists in Texas, where in 1986, Roy Barrera Jr. ran for attorney general and captured 40 percent of the Hispanic vote the largest percentage of the Hispanic vote any statewide GOP candidate has drawn.

Barrera, now a state co-chairman of the Bush-Quayle campaign, contends that more Hispanics are turning to the Republican Party because its focus on "pocketbook issues" appeal to the ethnic group.

Says Bonilla: "The gravity is clearly with this (Republican) side because the philosophy of our party is more in sync with the working man."

But former San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros, a senior adviser to the Clinton-Gore campaign, says South Texas Hispanics are overwhelmingly Democrat a view shared by Heywood Sanders, an urban studies professor at Trinity University.

"There tends to be an enormous amount of party loyalty and allegiance that people tend to pass on from generation to generation," Sanders said. "I don't see a big Hispanic vote ready to turn Republican in this election."

Taxes, government spending and pay raises have been a source of friction between Bonilla and Bustamante in this vast southwest Texas district stretching from San Antonio to El Paso.

Bustamante is also battling the anti-incumbent zeal that is evident nationwide. He predicts victory but adds, "Of course, you never know. It's one of those years."

Grand jury probes and the use of television station equipment have also been a factor in the race.

Bustamante is under federal investigation in an influence-peddling probe that began more than three years ago. In July, M. Douglas Jaffe Jr., a prominent businessman and a friend of Bustamante, was indicted for election law violations in the case.

Bustamante believes the investigation is a political vendetta stemming from his support of Hispanic FBI agents in a successful discrimination lawsuit against the bureau.

Bonilla often mentions the probe in his campaign attacks.

"There is a perception out there that Albert's been involved in something very shady," Bonilla said. "They see so much smoke, they suspect there must be fire somewhere."

Meanwhile, the Bonilla campaign has been criticized for use of computer and camera equipment at KENS-TV in San Antonio. Bustamante

prohibiting station bias for a particular candidate.

Station officials deny there has been any favoritism.

The camera equipment was used to produce a campaign ad, and Bonilla's wife, KENS news anchor Deborah Knapp Bonilla, acknowledged using a station computer to keep a list of campaign contributors.

The campaign contends Mrs. Bonilla's record-keeping was 'incidental use' of a computer and does not violate any federal regulations. Bonilla said the amount of time his wife used her computer for campaign purposes amounts to about \$7.50 worth of time at a typewriter and copy store.

Mrs. Bonilla has since taken a leave of absence from the station to work on the campaign.

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Ted Kennedy Stumps for Democrats in New Mexico

ESPANOLA (AP) The ongoing popularity of the Kennedy family of Massachusetts in northern New Mexico was on display Thursday during a three-hour campaign swing by Sen. Edward Kennedy.

Speeches were given, pictures were taken and smiles shone all around as Kennedy campaigned for Bill Clinton and other Democratic candidates in Santa Fe, Pojoaque and Espanola.

The Massachusetts Democrat joked about his family, beamed at his wife, donned a woven, turquoise vest and twice sang the strained chorus of "Jalisco" a cappella.

"He's for the people here. He's for the Spanish people. He's always tried to help people," said Ernest Martinez, a Chimayo resident at the Espanola rally.

"He comes to Rio Arriba County every time we need him. And we need him now more than ever to get the Republicans out of office," said Martinez.

Kennedy has campaigned for himself, his brothers John and Robert or other Democratic candidates in northern New Mexico every few years since 1960, when he coordinated John Kennedy's presidential race.

"His actions in Congress have always reflected the will of the people of northern New Mexico," said Marlo Martinez of Espanola. Affinity for the family began, of course, with President Kennedy, said Martinez.

"I myself have a picture of John Kennedy behind my desk," he said.

Nowhere in the crowds about 200 in Santa Fe and 300 in Espanola was there a sign that voters held any of Edward Kennedy's past sins against him.

"His personal life is not important. We love him," said Ernest Martinez.

In a recent controversy with local connections, Kennedy last year testified about his nephew, William Kennedy Smith, after a Florida woman accused Smith of rape. Smith was acquitted by a jury and is now a doctor-in-residence at the University of New Mexico hospital.

Smith, who attended the Espanola rally, said he had come up from Albuquerque on Wednesday to spend time with his uncle.

In enthusiastic speeches, Kennedy urged voters to answer the challenge being laid down by Bill Clinton to reinvest in America's people and jobs.

"This is a watershed period of time in this nation's history. This election is as important to the American people in the direction of this country as it was in 1932 when President Roosevelt won the presidency and then challenged the nation and we went forward to rebuild America.

"It's as important as it was in 1960 ... President Kennedy challenged the country and the country responded and we had the longest period of economic growth which translated into jobs, jobs jobs for people," he said.

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UPDATES with Kennedy's arrival and comments at dinner

SANTA FE (AP) Call it the Kennedy mystique a love affair with one of America's most prominent families that goes back to John Kennedy's 1960 presidential race.

Sen. Edward Kennedy and his wife, Victoria, arrived shortly after 9 p.m. Wednesday for the first of three political events in Santa Fe and Espanola where the turnouts were expected to be large.

More than 200 people each paid \$100 for a dinner-reception with the Massachusetts Democrat on Wednesday night at a Santa Fe hotel.

Kennedy invoked the memory of his brother, the late President John Kennedy, who he said challenged the country to strive for greatness.

"What this election is really about is whether we're going to have a president and I believe Bill Clinton is the one that will really challenge the Americans and really invest in this country, invest in its people, invest in its infrastructure and invest in the essential aspects that can make this country a strong country," Kennedy said.

On Thursday, Kennedy will be at two free, public events 8 a.m. at the Santa Fe County Democratic Party headquarters on Rodeo Road, and 9:30 a.m. at the Rio Arriba County senior citizen center on Onate Street in Espanola.

Gov. Bruce King said there just wasn't enough of Kennedy to go around to all the places where he was wanted.

"He can't stay and I understand that, but the people of Las Vegas would love for him to go over there and hold a rally. And the South Valley, there's just not enough of him," King said.

Kennedy's appearance was arranged jointly by King's office, the state and local Democratic Party organizations and the state campaign office of the presidential ticket of Bill Clinton and Al Gore.

The money raised will go to help the Democrats' coordinated campaign, a pool that benefits all Democratic candidates.

King said the Kennedys' popularity in New Mexico goes back to John Kennedy, who got enormous support for his presidential race in 1960.

"John Kennedy was a very well-liked and beloved president and he always had close connections with New Mexico. (State Sen.) Emilio Naranjo got started to helping him very early on, as did myself and a lot of others," King said. "I was the manager of the rural areas for Kennedy. That was one of the first statewide jobs I had."

In 1980, King said he backed Jimmy Carter for president, but Ted Kennedy beat Carter in New Mexico's primary.

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