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MEMORANDUM FOR STEVE PROVOST
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STEVE PROVOST

FROM: CAROL AARHUS

SUBJECT: STRONGSVILLE, OHIO LOCAL COLOR

All About Strongsville: Strongsville is a town of 36,000, approximately a half-hour south of downtown Cleveland. It is made up of a lot of small businesses. Unemployment is below the national average. The median income is \$45-50,000. Housing starts have been good. The town celebrated its 175th anniversary last year. Strongsville bills itself as the "Crossroads of the Nation". There is a Ford plant about 5 miles away, so there is a strong union presence in the area. There are also a lot of Reagan democrats.

Program Notes: Governor Voinovich will introduce Bruce Willis and Bruce Willis will intro POTUS. The Oak Ridge Boys and Miss Ohio (Robin Meade) will sing a few tunes in the pre-program show, and there will be five high school bands playing the honors -- we should, however say hello to the Strongsville High School Marching Mustangs.

Interesting Oak Ridge Boys Song Titles:

The Long Haul
Something Worth Holding Onto
Lucky Moon

Acknowledgements:

Governor Voinovich; Bruce Willis; Mike DeWine (not there, but running for Senate); Mayor Wally Ernfelt.

Acknowledgements Notes: The Mayor would like POTUS to call for a Republican majority in the Ohio state legislature. There are also four Congressional seats tied to Cuyahoga County up for grabs. The Republicans running for those seats are: Margaret Mueller, Bob Gardner, Martin Hoke, and Beryl (rhymes with pearl) Rothschild. They may or may not be at this event (probably not), but the mayor asked that we mention them anyway.

Ohio quote: "There is no flashiness, nothing fleeting, in Ohio's approach to life. Traveling across its fertile acres, one feels in the very atmosphere a combination of stability and progress."

-- Pearl Buck, America, 1971

Volunteersim note: Last year, the Strongsville Optimist Club was named the #1 Optimist Club by Optimist International. They do education and literacy projects with the youth in the community. We should mention them when we talk about volunteers solving problems, not the government.

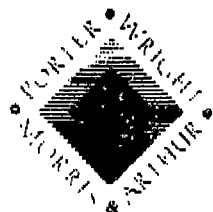
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January 23, 1992

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Mayor of Strongsville
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Re: Strongsville Optimist Club

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Very truly yours,



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January 21, 1992

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Strongsville Optimist

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Barbara Bush, Tipper Gore Make Campaign Swings Through Northeast

CLEVELAND (AP) First Lady Barbara Bush and Tipper Gore, wife of Democratic vice presidential nominee Al Gore, campaigned separately in several northern Ohio cities on behalf of their husbands.

Mrs. Bush visited the Cleveland area Thursday to seek votes for the Bush-Quayle ticket, while Mrs. Gore spoke on behalf of the Clinton-Gore team in Canton, Toledo, Vermilion and Lorain.

Mrs. Bush bowled with a women's league in Parma Heights, visited Incarnate Word Academy, a private Catholic school in Parma Heights, and danced at the Lake Shore Golden Age Center in Cleveland.

At the school, Mrs. Bush led 500 children in a pledge to finish high school, be honest and "work my heart out to go to college."

"If you do all those things," she said. "I could well be looking at the future president of the United States."

About 400 people watched as the center's three-piece band played and Mrs. Bush danced with Michael Lamont, 88.

She predicted her husband will win the Nov. 3 election.

"A lot of people tell me they trust him. That's very important," she said.

Mrs. Gore spoke to about 200 people at the Mayfield Senior Center in Canton Thursday morning and said a Clinton administration would focus on improving the economy.

She told a crowd of about 800 in Vermilion Thursday night there is a new spirit in the country.

"We have college kids flocking to the Clinton campaign," she said. "It's not true college kids are alienated and tuned out any more."

Mrs. Gore spent the night in Lorain after campaigning outside a Food Motor Co. assembly plant there.

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Joke about POTUS being jealous?