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**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BEE COUNTY COLISEUM**  
**((Date, time to come))**

((They tell me that more than five hundred people are here -  
- and that one or two of them might be from Beeville.))\\  
Actually, I see Gary Roberts, Jay Kimbrough, Dan Ouellette, Will  
Farrish. My fellow Texans -- it's great to be back in  
Beeville.\\\

And, of course, it's always a delight to come back to Texas  
with a special friend, Secretary of State James Baker\\ . . .  
((You know, Jim has a ranch just down the road called "Rock  
Pile." And believe me, it is.))\\

But I've got to tell you, I wouldn't miss this barbecue for  
anything. The good people of Bee County stood by me last year;  
and I am here today **to stand by you.**\\

Since I was last here, we've had a busy year -- I've had to  
go to Belgium, Poland, Hungary, Malta and a lot of other places.  
But whenever I go abroad, it just makes me think more of home.  
Some may think it's corny, but I've just got to say it: **it's  
great to be back in Texas.**\\\

You know, I've just come from the beautiful Lazy F Ranch  
over in Goliad County, a region rich in Texas history. ((And  
while we were hunting quail today, Will Farrish brought along a  
bird dog unlike any I've ever seen before. We came up to a

thicket, and Will said to me: "Now George, just watch this." And that old dog walked up to the bush and scratched the ground one time. Will said: "That means there's one bird in the bush."

The dog went into the thicket, and sure enough -- one bird was flushed out. We shot and bagged 'em.

Then we went to another spot. The dog scratched the ground twice, and sure enough -- two birds were flushed out, shot and bagged.

And then we came up to a huge briar patch, and the dog grabbed a stick in his mouth, and stood in front of Will, and just waved his head up and down. Will seemed puzzled a moment. And then he said: "Mister President, this is kind of hard to figure out, but I think my dog is saying that there's more dang birds in there than you can shake a stick at.))\\ \\ \\ \\

Kidding aside, when I was flying into Chase Naval Air Station, I couldn't help but once again admire the gentle beauty of this land. Goliad, Bee -- these counties in that stretch between the Nueces and the Guadalupe rivers are part of a beautiful, gentle country.

You're lucky to live here. I consider myself lucky just to visit here, even if it is only just once a year.

So thank you for putting on this little barbecue. I hope this day has been as good to you as it has to me. Thank you, God bless and God bless America.

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