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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 6, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Ducks Unlimited - Sixth International Waterfowl
Symposium

The remarks should reaffirm the President's commitment to conservation and the environment. Please see attached draft for our comments.

If you have any questions or I can help in any other way, please let me know.

cc: James W. Cicconi

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DUCKS UNLIMITED -- SIXTH INTERNATIONAL
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CRYSTAL GATEWAY MARRIOTT
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1989
1:00 P.M.

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89 JUN 6 P3:05

June 6, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: PATRICIA MACK BRYAN *PMB*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Ducks Unlimited - Sixth International
Symposium

Pursuant to James W. Cicconi's staffing memorandum of June 6, 1989, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced remarks. Subject to the comments noted below, Counsel's Office has no objection to these remarks.

Page 6, Paragraph 2:

It is our understanding that the Administration favors the repeal of the Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards. Consequently, we think it is unwise to highlight the fact that we did not provide waivers for this year. We recommend deleting this paragraph altogether.

Page 8:

We recommend that the President take the opportunity at the end of his speech to praise Ducks Unlimited again for its environmental achievements.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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Memorandum to Chriss Winston

From: Jim Pinkerton 

Subject: Ducks Unlimited Speech Draft

A good speech. We like the symbolism of "renewal." And the "environmental ethic" is a good synergy of two ideas, even though it appears as if we have mistaken the word "ethic" for "ethos."

pg.1, para.1 We suggest the adoption of a "No Pun" rule, for the reason that, even when the pun is good, it is necessarily an inferior form of humor -- "the lowest form of humor," someone once called them. That is why people groan when they hear puns. Unfortunately, the pun here and especially at 4,2 are not very good examples of the species.

2,1,7 Good line.

4,4,5 We must repeat and repeat this concept, especially when in the next graf we talk about "harnessing the power of the market place...."

5,3,8 Comparing pollution prevention to a "preemptive strike" is, of course, using the imagery of nuclear warfare in the context of the environment -- completely inconsistent. We strongly urge omitting this.

8,2,3 "[N]atural, national monument" is a bit of a tongue-twister. We suggest "national monument of nature" as more easily pronounced.

Finally, the speech does a good job of walking the reader through the President's five principles (pg. 4-7). However, for the benefit of the listener, it would be helpful to recapitulate the five at the conclusion.

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REMARKS: Room 116, 118, 120, 111 1/2

RESPONSE: See changes

James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
Ext. 2702

(Lange/Wallace)
June 6, 1989
8:45 a.m.
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DUCKS UNLIMITED -- SIXTH INTERNATIONAL
WATERFOWL SYMPOSIUM
CRYSTAL GATEWAY MARRIOTT
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1989
1:00 P.M.

[[Thank you, Harry. You know, people often hear from elected officials who say they've "always" supported their audience's particular cause. But I've got a long history of support for your efforts. Even back when I was playing ball in school, I made it a point never to hit a fowl... (LONG PAUSE) ...]]

You know, when my grandson was 10 years old, we went fishing on Wyoming's Jackson Lake, the Tetons soaring up to the sky. A beautiful day, one you see on postcards. Everything sparkled. That day remains fixed in my mind. When I was running for President, I made a promise -- to him, and to every child in America -- that I would be a President committed to conservation.

It's true, our children will inherit the earth. So any vision of a kinder, gentler America -- any nation concerned about its quality of life, now and forever -- must be concerned about conservation. It will not be enough to merely halt the damage we've done. **Our natural heritage must be recovered and restored.**

We saw it at Mt. St. Helens -- we see it now in Yellowstone Park, and in the growth of Spring -- nature healing its wounds, coming back to life. We can and should be nature's partner. That means an active stewardship of the natural world. It is time to renew the environmental ethic in America -- and to renew U.S. leadership on environmental issues, around the world. **Renewal is the way of nature. It must now become the way of man.**

And that's why I wanted to talk to you today. When this organization was founded over fifty years ago, in the Dust Bowl days, there was just a handful of you committed to preserving and restoring our wetlands. But by now, you've set aside over five million acres as habitat. Raised nearly half a billion dollars. Gotten wetlands projects going in each of the fifty states.

The partnerships you've set up with state and federal agencies -- and with conservation groups like the Nature Conservancy -- have been outstanding. You've spread awareness world-wide: convening groups of experts in biology and wildlife management, agriculture, law enforcement, education, and state and federal government -- as you have here today.

That's good news for ducks. [[Let me warn you, though, anybody who looks like a duck... or walks like a duck... is going to hear from Dick Darman. The thought of "Ducks Unlimited" keeps him up at night.]] But your work is even better news for

America. What you're doing represents just the kind of local, on-site, private-sector initiative we must bring to every environmental challenge.

As you know too well, our wetlands are being lost at a rate of nearly half a million acres a year. So every year, fewer mallards and pintails make it to the pothole country. You may remember my pledge, that our national goal would be no net loss of wetlands. I will keep that pledge. Together, we're going to deliver on the promise of renewal.

I've set up an Interagency Task Force to work with you -- with government at all levels -- and with the private sector -- to stop the destruction of these precious habitats. Their first task is to develop a united federal policy for the North American Waterfowl Management Plan here, and in Canada.

We've also asked for nearly \$200 million in new funding for acquisitions under the Land and Water Conservation Fund. For the first time in seven years, some of those dollars will go toward acquiring wetlands. And to keep the wetlands that we do save healthy and pristine, we've also increased funding for coordinated water quality programs. But the federal role, while significant, pales in comparison to the groundswell of state and local talent we must bring to bear.

We're looking to improve the management of federally-owned wetlands, by leasing them to concerned groups like yours. And, you know, the local momentum is picking up. Just last month, Maryland's Governor Schaefer approved the nation's first state wetlands law. It's an outstanding piece of work, that requires farmers and developers to come up with water-management plans -- and to replace any wetlands that are lost. EPA Administrator Bill Reilly emerged as a key ^{supporter of} ~~lobbyist for~~ that bill -- and I'm encouraging him to do more.

*James
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[[Maybe Bill's told you about that wildlife illustrator, who wanted to paint birds. Seems he was having trouble, because he couldn't tell one duck from another. Turns out he was duck blind... but enough of this fowl humor...]]

Wherever wetlands must give way to farming or development, they will be replaced or expanded elsewhere. It's time to stand the history of wetlands destruction on its head: **from this year forward, anyone who tries to drain the swamp is going to be up to his ears in alligators.**

Our approach to wetlands conservation is driven by a new kind of environmentalism -- a set of principles that apply to all of the environmental challenges we face. Pollution is not the inevitable by-product of progress. So the first principle is that **sound ecology and a strong economy can coexist.**

The fact is, they must. The two are interdependent -- immediately, and ultimately. Environmentalists and entrepreneurs must see how much their interests are held in common. **It's time to harness the power of the marketplace in the service of the environment.**

The second principle is that a true commitment to restoring the nation's environment **requires more than just a federal commitment.** The tradition of purely federal, "top-down" directives will never again be enough. So we're working to promote more creative state and local initiatives, drawing the energy of local communities and the private sector into the cause of conservation. **No one -- no one -- can ever afford to look the other way again.**

Our third principle is obvious, but too rarely acted upon: that **preventing pollution is a far more efficient strategy** than struggling to deal with problems once they've occurred. For too long, we've focused on clean-up and penalties after the damage is already done. It's time to re-orient ourselves using technologies and processes that reduce or prevent pollution -- to stop it before it starts. **Pollution prevention in the 1990s will be the environmental equivalent of a preemptive strike.**

Technology has given us tremendous, awesome power to alter the face of the earth. We must use it to do good. Environmental soundness must be the basis for any industrial design. Rather than being tacked on, it's being built into the process -- every process -- by enlightened industry. They are making -- and must continue to make -- environmental soundness **an essential fact of American industrial life.**

As you know, I've called for the elimination of CFCs by the year 2000. But we've also reviewed the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards. We're determined to hold firm to the present standard. We're going to promote the use of alternative, "neat" fuel technology. And I've already proposed full funding to develop clean coal technology.

The fourth principle is a recognition that **environmental problems respect no borders.** So we're working with nations around the world, to provide leadership in finding cooperative, international solutions. I've already held meetings with leaders in Japan and Brazil, discussing ways to reverse rainforest devastation. We've recommended a ban on international shipments of hazardous waste, unless strict environmental criteria are met through bilateral agreements.

And in Germany two weeks ago, I announced our intention to provide technical assistance and new technologies for handling

pollution problems to the nations of Eastern Europe. Some of the rivers in those countries are now so polluted, they can't even be used for industrial cooling -- because they're too corrosive.

The fifth and final principle is that existing environmental laws will be **vigorously and firmly enforced**. I've requested funds to hire more environmental prosecutors at the Justice Department. And next week, Administrator Reilly will deliver to Congress a report on overhauling the Superfund project for hazardous waste. It's a package of 50 aggressive recommendations -- **combining the appeal of an open hand with the power of a clenched fist**. We are encouraging citizen participation, but we're backing it with a promise: **Polluters will pay**.

Finally, on Monday, I will unveil the most sweeping changes to the Clean Air Act since it was written twelve years ago. It will allow us to recover and restore hundreds of lakes, and thousands of miles of streams in the Northeast, Mideast, and in eastern Canada. And it will significantly improve every American's quality of life -- whether they live near factories, in cities, or in high woodland country.

Behind all of the studies, the figures, and the debates, environmentalism is a moral issue. For it is wrong to pass on to future generations a world tainted by present thoughtlessness. It is unjust to allow the natural splendor bestowed to us to be

compromised. It is imperative that we preserve the earth and all its blessings -- to meet the challenge of renewal.

A man I greatly admire, Theodore Roosevelt, was the first President to act on that ideal. When he set aside the Grand Canyon as a natural, national monument, his words of warning were driven by great personal conviction. "Leave it as it is," he said. "You cannot improve on it. The ages have been at work on it, and man can only mar it. What you can do is to keep it -- for your children, and your children's children..."

Recovery, restoration, and renewal -- that is our moral imperative. From today forward, it is the ethical legacy we must inspire in every American.

Thank you. God bless you. And God bless the United States of America.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: PRESIDENT'S DINNER
WASH. CONVENTION CTR.
JUNE 14, 1989/9:20 P.M.

*blue pen =
what he actually
said*

THANK YOU, SENATOR NICKLES FOR THAT INTRODUCTION
AND THE GREAT JOB YOU'RE DOING AS HEAD OF THE SENATE
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. *that's imp't work & John is doing a superb job*
MRS. QUAYLE, MARILYN, IT'S A
DELIGHT TO BE WITH YOU ON THIS EXCELLENT EVENING.

WELCOME BACK DAN, FROM CENTRAL AMERICA, AND THANK YOU
FOR ONCE AGAIN TAKING OUR MESSAGE OF DEMOCRACY AND HOPE

TO OUR IMPORTANT FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS. DAVID MURDOCK,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION IN MAKING THIS EVENT
POSSIBLE. *(Add ch)* GUY VANDER JAGT, ABLE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU.

*David Murdock is doing grt job for the USA
Thank you for your work*

~~AS YOU HAVE HEARD, THIS ROOM IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR~~
QUADRANTS, DEPICTING THE REGIONS OF THE UNITED STATES -
- NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST. ((DOES THIS MEAN IF I
MOVE DOWN A FEW CHAIRS I'LL BE STANDING IN TEXAS?))

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members
of the
Cabinet*

~~((AND BY THE WAY, DID YOU HEAR THAT I JUST~~
RETURNED FROM NEBRASKA, WHERE I DROVE A CAR THAT RUNS
ON ALCOHOL? . . . DON'T GET ME WRONG, ONLY CARS ARE
ALLOWED TO DRINK AND DRIVE.))

*Men &
Women
of excellence*

*Country
blessing*

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~~((I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT RONALD REAGAN HAS JUST BEEN KNIGHTED IN LONDON, BUT THAT HE WILL NOT BE CALLED "SIR RON." AND TO THINK, THAT'S WHAT I CALLED HIM FOR EIGHT YEARS.))~~

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~~((IN ALL CANDOR, I BELIEVE RONALD REAGAN'S KNIGHTHOOD JUST GOES TO SHOW ONE THING -- YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE BORN NOBLE TO BE NOBLE.)) ((PAUSE))~~

* → IT WAS AT THE LAST PRESIDENT'S DINNER THAT RONALD REAGAN, THEN THE FORTIETH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, STOOD BEFORE US AND FORMALLY ^{challenged us to hold on to} ~~DECLARED HIS~~ SUPPORT FOR A SUCCESSOR. SINCE THEN, RONALD REAGAN HAS RETURNED TO HIS BELOVED CALIFORNIA. AND YOU AND I HAVE FOUGHT SHOULDER TO SHOULDER, BATTLING OUR WAY FROM ~~17~~ POINTS BEHIND TO A 40-STATE WIN ON ELECTION DAY.

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((PAUSE))

grateful for your support.

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~~((AND WE WOULD HAVE WON ALL 50 STATES IF ONLY MILLIE HAD HAD HER PUPPIES SIX MONTHS EARLIER.))~~

*the president
no matter
how tough
the odds*

✓ *But none of us fought*

~~BUT WE DIDN'T FIGHT~~ THE BATTLE WE FOUGHT, WE
DIDN'T PUT OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES THROUGH THE
TURMOIL OF A CAMPAIGN, *simply* JUST TO WIN AN ELECTION. WE
FOUGHT BECAUSE WE BELIEVED IN CERTAIN IDEAS AND CERTAIN
IDEALS. WE FOUGHT BECAUSE WE BELIEVED THAT TOGETHER WE
CAN BUILD A BETTER AMERICA. ✓

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DEFINED OUR MISSION. AND IN
THE FIVE MONTHS SINCE THE INAUGURAL, WITHOUT FANFARE OR
PARTISAN FUROR, WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER TO QUIETLY
FOLLOW OUR ASSIGNED MISSION, TO ACHIEVE WHAT WAS
CONSIDERED TO BE OUTLANDISHLY IMPOSSIBLE.

budget *** THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT ACTION ON THE
DEFICIT. AND WE REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH CONGRESS TO
REDUCE THE DEFICIT BY A WHOPPING \$65 BILLION.

((PAUSE)) AND WE AIM TO ACHIEVE THIS WITHOUT RAISING
TAXES. ((PAUSE))

*in working
in 3rd of the
country*

*** THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT ACTION ON A FESTERING PROBLEM -- THE HEMORRHAGE OF THE SAVINGS AND LOAN SYSTEM. OUR REFORM PLAN WILL RESTORE STABILITY, ELIMINATE UNSAFE AND EXTRAVAGANT PRACTICES, AND PUNISH THOSE WHO ABUSE THE TRUST OF DEPOSITORS. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO PAY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO CLEAN UP THIS MESS, AND WE MUST MAKE SURE IT NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN. THE SENATE APPROVED OUR PLAN 91 TO 8. I CALL ON THE HOUSE TO FOLLOW SUIT.

*** THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT ACTION ON ETHICS. *and* CLEARLY, IT IS TIME FOR AN EVEN-HANDED ETHICS APPROACH ACROSS ALL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT. THIS IS THE GOAL OF OUR ETHICS PROPOSAL I SENT TO THE CONGRESS IN APRIL. WE MUST ALL BE EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW.

All

AS PRESIDENT, I WILL STRIVE FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH SPEAKER FOLEY, SENATOR MITCHELL AND THE REST OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP. ~~WHILE WE ARE IN COMPETITION WITH EACH OTHER, THERE ARE, OF COURSE, RULES OF DEGENCY AND FAIR PLAY THAT TRANSCEND PARTY LABELS.~~ *KG*

But while we are in competition with each other, we will keep that competition - on the issues -

~~BUT WE WILL HIT HARD~~ ^{ON} ~~ON THE ISSUES~~ -- FIGHTING FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE IN, FOR WE REPUBLICANS ARE BOUND TOGETHER IN A COMMON PURPOSE; TO WAGE A VIGOROUS DEBATE ON THE IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT UNITE US. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT IN TAKING OUR MESSAGE OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN AN OPEN, HONEST AND DIRECT MANNER, WE WILL BECOME THE MAJORITY PARTY IN AMERICA.

^{RSD}
*** THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT ACTION ON THE ENVIRONMENT. YESTERDAY, SURROUNDED BY THE NATURAL JEWELS OF THE GRAND TETONS, ENJOYING THE CRISP, PRISTINE MOUNTAIN AIR, I CALLED ON CONGRESS TO JOIN ME IN A QUEST FOR CLEANER AIR, AN END TO ACID RAIN, OZONE DEPLETION AND OTHER HARMFUL EMISSIONS. YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BECOME A MOUNTAIN MAN JUST TO BREATHE GOOD, CLEAN AIR.

Applause!

~~((YOU KNOW, WHEN I WAS OUT IN WYOMING, I SLIPPED AWAY WITH MY GRANDSON GEORGE P. TO DO SOME FISHING. I SAY THAT EVERY HOUR SPENT FISHING IS AN HOUR ADDED TO YOUR LIFE . . . SO BY MY RECKONING, MALCOLM WALLOP SHOULD BE IMMORTAL.))~~

*** THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT ACTION ON CRIME.
THIS ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT REST UNTIL WE HAVE LIFTED
THE SHADOW OF FEAR FROM THE HOMES, SHOPS AND STREETS OF
AMERICA. THAT IS WHY I CALLED LAST MONTH FOR TOUGH NEW
LAWS, AND MORE LAW ENFORCERS AND PROSECUTORS TO BACK
THEM UP. THIS ADMINISTRATION IS GOING TO LEAD THE
CHARGE TO TAKE BACK THE STREETS, TAKE THEM BACK FROM
THE CRIMINALS WHO THREATEN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS -- NOT
JUST IN THE CITIES, BUT ALL ACROSS OUR COUNTRY.

neighborhoods
families
We are going to work hard to the country

*** THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT ACTION ON FOREIGN
POLICY -- A SENSIBLE, YET BOLD PLAN TO DEAL WITH THE
CHANGES SWEEPING THE COMMUNIST WORLD. OUR BIPARTISAN
AGREEMENT WITH CONGRESS ON CENTRAL AMERICA ALLOWS THE
UNITED STATES TO SPEAK WITH ONE CLEAR VOICE WITH ONE
CLEAR MESSAGE -- LET FREEDOM RING IN MANAGUA. LET
FREEDOM RING THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNIST WORLD, FROM
BEIJING TO BUDAPEST TO WARSAW.

Applause

IN BRUSSELS, I SAID THAT WE FACE AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE BEYOND CONTAINMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION. I SAID THAT THE WORLD HAS WAITED LONG ENOUGH -- THAT EUROPE CAN BE WHOLE AND FREE; THAT WE CAN MOVE BEYOND ARMED CAMPS DIVIDED BY SUSPICION AND FEAR. WE ASKED THE SOVIETS TO JOIN US IN A PEACE OF TRUST OVER A PEACE OF TENSION. WE OFFERED OUR VISION FOR A FUTURE OF PEACE AND FREEDOM -- THE SPIRIT OF BRUSSELS.

BUT THIS, THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF MY ADMINISTRATION, IS JUST A START. WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT WHAT IS ALREADY THE LONGEST PEACETIME EXPANSION IN OUR HISTORY -- TO KEEP AMERICA COMPETITIVE AND ON THE JOB. WE MUST FIGHT DRUG ABUSE ON EVERY FRONT, TO REDEEM THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN, TO RETURN PROMISE TO THEIR LIVES. AND WE MUST REVITALIZE OUR SCHOOLS, SO THAT A SOLID EDUCATION IS ONCE AGAIN THE BIRTHRIGHT OF EVERY AMERICAN.

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at work,

children hurt the most

Kid

applause

TO MAKE THIS KIND OF PROGRESS WILL REQUIRE MORE THAN A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM OR ANOTHER GRAND INITIATIVE. REPUBLICANS BELIEVE THAT IT WILL TAKE THE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS; BUSINESS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT; CHURCHES, ^{yes} AND SCHOOLS. THIS IS WHAT WE MEAN BY A THOUSAND POINTS OF LIGHT. AS POWERFUL AND RESOURCEFUL AS GOVERNMENT IS, GOVERNMENT ALONE CANNOT COME CLOSE TO OVERCOMING THESE PROBLEMS. NEXT WEEK, I WILL ANNOUNCE A MAJOR INITIATIVE TO CHALLENGE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES. FROM NOW ON, THE DEFINITION OF THE GOOD LIFE IN AMERICA MUST INCLUDE SERVICE TO OTHERS.

applause!

BUT AS YOU KNOW, ACHIEVING OUR HIGHEST GOALS DEPENDS, TO A LARGE EXTENT, ON WINNING ELECTIONS IN CONGRESS. WE MUST TAKE OUR CASE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, PRECINCT BY PRECINCT, BLOCK BY BLOCK.

and

I BELIEVE IT'S NO COINCIDENCE THAT OUR PARTY SLIPPED TO MINORITY STATUS IN THE HOUSE AS WE BECAME A MINORITY IN THE STATE LEGISLATURES. TODAY, DEMOCRATS NOW HAVE A REDISTRICTING ADVANTAGE IN STATES THAT COMPOSE ABOUT 90 PERCENT OF THE SEATS IN CONGRESS.

THAT IS WHY WE REPUBLICANS MUST MAKE SOLID GAINS AT THE STATE LEVEL. CRITICAL GUBERNATORIAL AND LEGISLATIVE RACES IN THE EIGHT LARGEST STATES ALONE WILL DETERMINE WHETHER REPUBLICANS WILL BE TREATED FAIRLY IN THE DRAFTING OF 209 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. FROM SPRINGFIELD TO SACRAMENTO, FROM AUSTIN TO ALBANY, WE MUST WIN THE FIGHT FOR FAIR COMPETITION.

applause

A MAJORITY, OR EVEN A LARGE MINORITY, OF REPUBLICANS IN STATE LEGISLATURES CAN JOIN WITH REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS TO SUSTAIN THE VETO OF OUTRAGEOUS GERRYMANDER SCHEMES, STRENGTHENING OUR NUMBERS IN THE U.S. HOUSE. BOB MICHEL, OUR ABLE LEADER IN THE HOUSE, IS OUTGUNNED. *outmanned!* LET US HELP HIM BY PICKING UP MORE HOUSE SEATS. *150*

STRONG STATE PARTIES CAN HELP US TO WIN BACK THE U.S. SENATE -- ONE OF OUR MOST CRITICAL GOALS. *he* BOB DOLE IS DOING A SUPERB JOB AS REPUBLICAN LEADER IN THE SENATE, BUT HE NEEDS MORE TROOPS. LET US WIN BACK THE SENATE. LET US AGAIN MAKE IT A REPUBLICAN SENATE.

and salute our leader

applause

applause
3 that will be good for the USA

IN THE NEXT ELECTION, WE HAVE A GOOD SHOT AT
MAKING BIG GAINS. OF COURSE, THE PARTY THAT CONTROLS
THE WHITE HOUSE IS OFTEN EXPECTED TO DO POORLY IN MID-
TERM ELECTIONS. BUT THERE ARE NO IRON-CLAD RULES IN
POLITICS. ((AFTER ALL, IF THERE WERE, I WOULD NEVER
HAVE BECOME THE ONLY LIVING MEMBER OF THE MARTIN VAN
BUREN SOCIETY . . .)) ^{appl/laugh} WITH YOUR SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP
-- THE LEADERSHIP OF GREAT REPUBLICANS LIKE CARL ^{so many}
LINDNER OF OHIO ^{sup job} -- WE CAN AGAIN DEFY THE PRECEDENTS.
WE CAN AGAIN MAKE HISTORY.

IN ORDER TO WIN, WE MUST WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM,
NOT AS AN ASSOCIATION OF ACRONYMS. THE RNC, THE NRCC,
THE RGA, THE NRSC --THESE ARE TOP-NOTCH, WELL-MANAGED
ORGANIZATIONS STAFFED BY THE BEST PEOPLE IN POLITICS
TODAY.

BUT OUR REPUBLICAN PARTY MUST BE GREATER THAN THE
SUM OF ITS PARTS; WE MUST BE INSPIRED BY A COMMON
PURPOSE. WE MUST BRING OPPORTUNITY TO NEW
CONSTITUENCIES, AND CAMPAIGN IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, IN
THE INNER CITIES AND BARRIOS, ONCE CONSIDERED TO BE THE
EXCLUSIVE DOMAIN OF THE OPPOSITION.

Salute
Sec of Housing
taking initiative
appl,

applause!

OUR PARTY CHAIRMAN, LEE ATWATER, WHO'S DOING A GREAT JOB HAS BEEN A STRONG VOICE ARGUING THAT WE REPUBLICANS NEED TO REACH OUT TO MINORITIES AND THE DISADVANTAGED. THESE GROUPS CAN BENEFIT THE MOST FROM OUR PHILOSOPHY, WHICH *simply* MAXIMIZES OPPORTUNITY AND REWARDS INITIATIVE. THAT IS A MESSAGE I BELIEVE IN, AND IT IS A MESSAGE WE AS A PARTY MUST BE PREPARED TO ACT UPON.

TO WIN, WE MUST ALSO RECRUIT THE VERY BEST MEN AND WOMEN TO REPRESENT OUR PARTY, AS CANDIDATES AND AS OFFICEHOLDERS.

Jo

THESE ARE MY STRATEGIES FOR VICTORY. BUT STRATEGIES ARE USELESS WITHOUT A GREAT PURPOSE . . . WE HAVE SUCH A PURPOSE, TO BUILD A BETTER AMERICA, FOR TODAY AND FOR THE NEW CENTURY AHEAD.

WE HAVE SHED A LOT OF BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS TO
REBUILD THE REPUBLICAN PARTY SINCE THE EARLY SEVENTIES.
THE BEST WAY TO KEEP OUR PARTY GROWING IS TO WIN MORE
ELECTIONS IN 1990, FROM THE COURTHOUSE, TO THE
STATEHOUSE, TO CAPITOL HILL. AND WITH YOUR HELP, LET'S
PROVE TO THE DEMOCRATS THAT THE SUCCESSES OF THE 1980'S
ARE NOT A FLUKE; THAT THEY, IN FACT, SPELL THE
BEGINNING OF THE END OF DEMOCRATIC DOMINANCE IN
CONGRESS. ((PAUSE))

The U.S.

ee each & everyone for your unbelievable

THANK YOU, GOOD NIGHT AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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G Bless the USA

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/7/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: -----

SUBJECT: DUCKS UNLIMITED -- SIXTH INTERNATIONAL WATERFOWL SYMPOSIUM

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REMARKS: The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
Ext. 2702

(Lange/Wallace)
June 7, 1989
9:15 a.m.
[DUCKS.DOC]

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 WATERFOWL SYMPOSIUM
 CRYSTAL GATEWAY MARRIOTT
 THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1989
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And that's why I wanted to talk to you today. When this organization was founded over fifty years ago, in the Dust Bowl days, there was just a handful of you committed to preserving and restoring our wetlands. And just about that time, a few hunters got together and formed a little group called Ducks Unlimited. **Thank goodness they did.**

Since then, you've set aside over five million acres as habitat. Raised nearly half a billion dollars. Started wetlands projects in each of the fifty states. For a simple reason: 75 percent of the remaining wetlands in the continental U.S. are privately owned. **We can't do it without your help.**

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