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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 11, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MARK DAVIS  
THROUGH: DAVE DEMAREST *DD*  
SUBJECT: President's Dinner

You will address major contributors and Republican leaders at the President's Dinner on Wednesday, 9:20 p.m., at the Washington Convention Center.

We see this speech as an opportunity to recap the achievements of the last five months. We also feel that some reference to the events concerning Wright, Foley and the RNC should be mentioned. You can review this section on Pages 3-4.

✓ (Incidentally, Carl Lindner, who is mentioned at the end of the speech, is a donor whom Political says is worthy of a mention, having gone far beyond the call of duty in support of the Republican Party.)

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Thank you, Senator Nickles for that introduction and the great job you're doing as head of the Senate campaign committee. 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. Guy Vander Jagt, able chairman of the House campaign committee, it's great to see you.

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?))

It was at the last President's Dinner that the fortieth President of the United States stood before us and formally 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. ((PAUSE))

But we didn't fight the battle we fought, we didn't put ourselves and our families through the turmoil of a campaign, 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.

\*\*\* 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))

\*\*\* 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. 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.

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 rules of decency and fair play that transcend party labels. I will not stand for any violation of these rules.

We will hit hard -- 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.

\*\*\* 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.

\*\*\* 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.

\*\*\* 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.

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.

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 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.**

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.

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.

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. Let us help him by picking up more House seats.

Strong state parties can help us to win back the U.S. Senate -- one of our most critical goals. 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.

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 . . .)) With your support and leadership -- the leadership of great Republicans like Carl Lindner of Ohio -- 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.

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 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.

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 1980s are not a fluke; that they, in fact, spell the beginning of the end of Democratic dominance in Congress. ((PAUSE))

Thank you, good night and God bless you all.

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THANK YOU,  
SENATOR NICKLES  
FOR THAT  
INTRODUCTION AND  
THE GREAT JOB  
YOU'RE DOING AS  
HEAD OF THE  
SENATE CAMPAIGN  
COMMITTEE.

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.

GUY VANDER JAGT,  
ABLE CHAIRMAN OF  
THE HOUSE  
CAMPAIGN  
COMMITTEE, IT'S  
GREAT TO SEE YOU.

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?))

IT WAS AT THE  
LAST PRESIDENT'S  
DINNER THAT THE  
FORTIETH  
PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES  
STOOD BEFORE US  
AND FORMALLY  
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.  
(PAUSE)

BUT WE DIDN'T  
FIGHT THE BATTLE  
WE FOUGHT, WE  
DIDN'T PUT  
OURSELVES AND OUR  
FAMILIES THROUGH  
THE TURMOIL OF A  
CAMPAIGN, 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.**

**\*\*\* 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))**

**\*\*\* 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.  
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.**

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**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 RULES OF  
DECENCY AND FAIR  
PLAY THAT  
TRANSCEND PARTY  
LABELS.**

**I WILL NOT STAND  
FOR ANY VIOLATION  
OF THESE RULES.**

**WE WILL HIT  
HARD -- 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.**

**\*\*\* 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.**

**\*\*\* 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.**

**\*\*\* 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.**

**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.**

**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 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.**

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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.

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.**

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.

**LET US HELP HIM  
BY PICKING UP  
MORE HOUSE SEATS.**

**STRONG STATE  
PARTIES CAN HELP  
US TO WIN BACK  
THE U.S. SENATE -  
- ONE OF OUR MOST  
CRITICAL GOALS.**

**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.**

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 . .

**.)) WITH YOUR  
SUPPORT AND  
LEADERSHIP -- THE  
LEADERSHIP OF  
GREAT REPUBLICANS  
LIKE CARL LINDNER  
OF OHIO -- WE CAN  
AGAIN DEFY THE  
PRECEDENTS.  
WE CAN AGAIN MAKE  
HISTORY.**

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**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.**

**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  
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.**

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  
SUCCESSSES OF THE  
1980S ARE NOT A  
FLUKE; THAT THEY,  
IN FACT, SPELL  
THE BEGINNING OF  
THE END OF  
DEMOCRATIC**

**DOMINANCE IN**

**CONGRESS.**

**((PAUSE))**

**THANK YOU,**

**GOOD NIGHT AND**

**GOD BLESS YOU**

**ALL.**

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/8/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 12:00 6/9/89

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Thank you, good night and God bless you all.

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/8/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 12:00 6/9/89

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: PRESIDENT'S DINNER, WASH. CONVENTION CTR.  
June 14, 1989/9:20 p.m.

Thank you, Don. Mr. Vice President, Dan ((compliment to come)) . . . Mrs. Quayle, Marilyn, it's a delight to be with you on this excellent evening. David Murdock, thank you for your dedication in making this event possible. Guy Vander Jagt, it's great to see you. ((Note MOCs, Cabinet Officers.))

As you have heard, this room is divided into four quadrants, depicting the regions of the United States -- North, South, East and West. ((You may have also heard that Lee Atwater suggested a fifth corner, one whole corner to represent South Carolina.))

((PAUSE))

((Forgive me if I'm off to a slow start tonight . . . I've been speaking at so many school commencements lately, I'm only comfortable before audiences that snap gum.)) ((PAUSE))

It was at the last President's Dinner that the fortieth President of the United States stood before us and formally <sup>declared</sup> threw <sup>(Breiden)</sup> 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.** ((PAUSE))

But we didn't fight the battle we fought, we didn't put ourselves and our families through the turmoil of a campaign, 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 four months since the Inaugural, without fanfare or partisan furor, we have worked together to quietly follow this mission, to achieve what was considered to be outlandishly impossible.

\*\*\* 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 by **a single copper penny.** ((PAUSE))

\*\*\* The American people want action on a festering problem -- the hemorrhage of the Savings and Loan System. Our reform plan will restore stability, eliminate <sup>unsafe and (breeder)</sup> extravagant practices, and punish those who abuse the trust of depositors <sup>The American public will have to pay billions</sup>. The Senate <sup>(will be doing on that day)</sup> approved our plan 91 to 8. **I call on the House to follow suit.** <sup>of dollars</sup>

*to clean up this mess, and we must make sure that it never happens again.*

*To achieve this we must impose strong capital requirements for the future, so that institutions put their own money @ risk instead of the taxpayers.*

\*\*\* The American people want action on ethics. We are all saddened by the historic and unprecedented resignation of a Speaker and a Majority Whip of the House. Clearly, it is time for an even-handed ethics standard across all branches of government. This is the goal of our ethics proposal. **We must all be equal before the law.**

\*\*\* 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.**

\*\*\* 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 police and prosecutors to back them up. In short, this Administration is **ready to take back the streets.**

\*\*\* The American people want action on foreign policy -- a sensible, yet bold plan to deal with the changes sweeping the Communist world, from Budapest to Beijing. <sup>(defer to NSC)</sup> <sup>(Hein w/ Central America)</sup> <sup>(Promote democracy theme)</sup> <sup>around world</sup> Our agreement with ~~Going to Poland theme -- Solidarity~~ Congress on Central America allows the United States to speak

*POLAND: Next month I will visit Poland where a proud people have brought together w/ solidarity to achieve great liberty, and where the very first partially free elections in forty yrs have just occurred. 4.1.11*

with one clear voice with one clear message -- **let freedom ring in Nicaragua.**

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; and the world can move beyond armed camps divided by suspicion and fear. **And our NATO Allies agreed.**

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.**

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 and schools. This is what we mean by a thousand points of light -- a constellation of volunteers.

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.

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 aggressive 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.

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. Strong state parties can help us to win back the U.S. Senate -- perhaps our most critical goal. In the next election, we have a good shot at making big gains. Of course, the party that controls the White House is supposed 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 . . .)) With your support and leadership, 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 reach out to new constituencies, to campaign in the neighborhoods, the ghettos, the barrios, once considered to be the exclusive domain of the opposition.

To win, we must also recruit the very best men and women to represent our party, as candidates and as officeholders.

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 over the last decade. The best way to keep our party ready for action is to engage ourselves in the 1990 election, from the courthouse, to the statehouse, to Capitol Hill. I thank you for your help in this campaign to elect more

Republicans. Let us prove to the Democrats that the successes of the 1980s are not a fluke; that they, in fact, **spell the beginning of the end of Democratic dominance in Congress.**

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

THANK YOU, SENATOR NICKLES FOR THAT INTRODUCTION AND THE GREAT JOB YOU'RE DOING AS HEAD OF THE SENATE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. 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. GUY VANDER JAGT, ABLE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU. 7

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?))

((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.))

((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.))

((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 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.  
((PAUSE))

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

BUT WE DIDN'T FIGHT THE BATTLE WE FOUGHT, WE DIDN'T PUT OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES THROUGH THE TURMOIL OF A CAMPAIGN, 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.

\*\*\* 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))

\*\*\* 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. 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.

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 DECENCY~~ AND FAIR PLAY THAT TRANSCEND PARTY LABELS.

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BUT WE WILL HIT HARD -- 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.

\*\*\* 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.

((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.**

**\*\*\* 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.**

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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. LET US HELP HIM BY PICKING UP MORE HOUSE SEATS.

STRONG STATE PARTIES CAN HELP US TO WIN BACK THE U.S. SENATE -- ONE OF OUR MOST CRITICAL GOALS. 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.

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 . . .)) WITH YOUR SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP -- THE LEADERSHIP OF GREAT REPUBLICANS LIKE CARL LINDNER OF OHIO -- 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.

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 MAXIMIZES OPPORTUNITY AND REWARDS INITIATIVE. THAT IS A MESSAGE I BELEIVE 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.

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 1980S  
ARE NOT A FLUKE; THAT THEY, IN FACT, SPELL THE  
BEGINNING OF THE END OF DEMOCRATIC DOMINANCE IN  
CONGRESS. ((PAUSE))

THANK YOU, GOOD NIGHT AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

June 12, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
IN ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
THE CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENT

The East Room

11:15 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Please -- Governor. Well, in this room are Republicans and Democrats, leaders from both sides of the aisle in Congress, governors, executives from some of the most important companies and business organizations in America; leading conservationists and people who have devoted their lives to creating a cleaner and safer environment. And I've invited you here today to make a point. With the leadership assembled in this room, we can break the stalemate that has hindered progress on clean air for the past decade. And with the minds, the energy, the talent assembled here, we can find a solution.

So let me tell you the purposes of this morning's gathering. First, I'd like to lay on the table my proposals to curb acid rain and cut urban smog and clean up air toxics. And second, I want to call upon all of you to join me in enacting into law a new clean air act this year. But first, we should remember how far we've come and recognize what works.

The 1970 Clean Air Act got us moving in the right direction with national air quality standards that were strengthened by amendments in 1977. Since 1970, even though we have 55 percent more cars going 50 percent farther, in spite of more utility output and more industrial production, we've still made progress. Lead concentrations in the air we breathe are down 98 percent. Sulfur dioxide and carbon monoxide cut by over a third, particulate matter cut 21 percent. Even ozone-causing emissions have been cut by 17 percent. And still, over the last decade, we have not come far enough.

Too many Americans continue to breathe dirty air. And political paralysis has plagued further progress against air pollution. We have to break this logjam by applying more than just federal leverage. We must take advantage of the innovation, energy and ingenuity of every American.

The environmental movement has a long history here in this country. It's been a force for good, for a safer, healthier America. And as a people, we want and need that economic growth, but now we must also expect environmental responsibility and respect the natural world. And this will demand a national sense of commitment, a new ethic of conservation. And I reject the notion that sound ecology and a strong economy are mutually exclusive.

So last week I outlined five points of a new environmental philosophy: one, to harness the power of the marketplace; two, to encourage local initiative; three, to emphasize prevention instead of just cleanup; four, to foster international cooperation; and five, to ensure strict enforcement. Polluters will pay.

We know more now than we did just a few years ago. New solutions are close at hand. It's time to put our best minds to work, to turn technology and the power of the marketplace to the advantage of the environment -- to create, to innovate, to tip the

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scales in favor of recovery, restoration and renewal.

Every American expects and deserves to breathe clean air, and as President, it is my mission to guarantee it -- for this generation and for the generations to come. If we take this commitment seriously, if we believe that every American expects and deserves clean air, and then we act on that belief, then we will set an example for the rest of the world to follow.

Today I am proposing to Congress a new Clean Air Act and offering a new opportunity. We've seen enough of this stalemate. It's time to clear the air. And, you know, I think we will. We touched a lot of bases as we prepared this bill, and we've had the benefit of some good thinking on the Hill. And we've met with business leaders who see environmental protection as essential to long-term economic growth, and we've talked with environmentalists who know that cost-effective solutions help build public support for conservation. And we've worked with academics and innovative thinkers from every quarter who have laid the groundwork for this approach.

And just this morning I spoke by phone with Prime Minister Mulroney of Canada. I believe he's excited about the prospect, too. I have no pride of authorship. Let me commend Project 88 and groups like the Environmental Defense Fund for bringing creative solutions to long-standing problems, for not only breaking the mold, but helping to build a new one.

And we've had to make some tough choices. And some may think we've gone too far, and others not far enough, but we all care about clean air. To the millions of Americans who still breathe unhealthy air, let me tell you, I'm concerned -- I'm concerned about vulnerable groups like the elderly and asthmatics and children -- concerned about every American's quality of life. And I'm committed to see that coming generations receive the natural legacy they deserve.

We seek reforms that make major pollution reductions where we most need them. First, our approach is reasonable deadlines for those who must comply. It has compelling sanctions for those who don't. It accounts for continued economic growth and expansion, offers incentives, choice and flexibility for industry to find the best solutions, and taps the power of the marketplace and local initiative better than any previous piece of environmental legislation.

This legislation will be comprehensive, it will be cost-effective, but above all, it will work. We will make the 1990s the era for clean air.

And we have three clear goals and three clear deadlines. First, we will cut the sulfur dioxide emissions that cause acid rain by almost half -- by 10 million tons -- and we will cut nitrogen oxide emissions by two million tons -- both by the year 2000. We have set absolute goals for reductions and have emphasized early gains. And that means five million tons will be cut by 1995, and the degradation caused by acid rain will stop by the end of this century.

To make sure that coal continues to play a vital role in our energy future, we've provided an extension of three years and regulatory incentives for the use of innovative clean coal technology.

We've set an ambitious reduction target -- and applying market forces will be the fastest, most cost-effective way to achieve it. So, we're allowing utilities to take -- to trade credits among themselves for reductions they make, to let them decide how to bring aggregate emissions down as cost-effectively as possible. Cleaner fuels, better technologies, energy conservation, improved efficiency in any combination -- just as long as it works.

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There's a wisdom to handing work to those most qualified to do it. Four hundred years ago Montaigne wrote, "Let us permit nature to have her way. She understands her business better than we do." Well, it's true. Acid rain must be stopped and that's what we all care about.

But it's also true that business understands its business better than we do. So we're going to put that understanding to work on behalf of clean air and a sound environment. We've provided the goals, but we won't try to micromanage them. We will allow flexibility in how industry achieves these goals. But we stand firm on what must be achieved.

Second, this federal proposal will cut the emissions that cause urban ozone, smog, virtually in half. This will put the states well on the road to meeting the standard.

Twenty years ago, we started on the job. And if Congress will act on the clean air reforms that I'm offering today, 20 years from now, every American in every city in America will breathe clean air. Today, 81 cities don't need federal air quality standards. This legislation will bring clean air to all but about 20 cities by 1995, and within 20 years, even Los Angeles and Houston and New York will be expected to make it.

In the nine urban areas with the greatest smog problems, we propose bold new initiatives to reconcile the automobile to the environment, ensuring continued economic growth without disruptive driving controls. We'll accomplish this through alternative fuels and clean-fueled vehicles. We propose to put up to a million clean-fueled vehicles a year on the road by 1997. But we're also proposing flexibility on the means, even as we remain firm on the goals. A city can either request inclusion in the program or, if they show they can achieve these ambitious reductions through other measures, we will scale back the clean fuel vehicle requirements accordingly.

Also, we're sensitive to the problems of smaller cities, whose own ozone problems are due to largely to pollutants that are generated in other areas, other regions, other cities. They will not be penalized for pollution problems outside their control.

Our program incorporates a mix of cost-effective measures to cut emissions from cars, fuels, factories and other sources. But I'm asking the EPA to develop rules like those we're employing on acid rain to allow auto and fuel companies to trade required reductions in order to meet the standard in the most cost-effective way. Our challenge is to develop an emissions trading plan. Their challenge is to meet the standards.

The third leg of our proposal is designed to cut all categories of airborne toxic chemicals by three-quarters within this decade. Our best minds will apply the most advanced industrial technology available to control these airborne poisons. The very best control technology we have will determine the standard we set for those plants. And until now, because of an unworkable law, the EPA has been able to regulate only seven of the 280 known air toxics. The bill I am proposing today will set a schedule for regulating sources of air toxics by dates certain.

In addition, it will give the dedicated people of the EPA the right tools for the job, and it will make state-of-the-art technology an everyday fact of doing business, and that's the way it should be.

In its first phase, this initiative should eliminate about three-quarters of the needless deaths from cancer that have been caused by toxic industrial air emissions, and we plan a second phase to go after any remaining unreasonable risk. People who live

near industrial facilities should not have to fear for their health.

And for 10 years, we've struggled to engage a united effort on behalf of clean air, and we're now on the edge of real change. Nineteen eighty nine could be recorded as the year when business leaders and environmental advocates began to work together, when environmental issues moved out of the courts, beyond conflict, into a new era of cooperation. And this can be known as the year we mobilized leadership, both public and private, to make environmental protection a growth industry and keep our ecology safe for diversity.

The wounded winds of north, south, east and west can be purified and cleansed, and the integrity of nature can be made whole again. Ours is a rare opportunity to reverse the errors of this generation in the service of the next. And we cannot -- we must not fail. We must prevail. I ask for your support. We need your support to make all of this into a reality.

Thank you all and God bless you, and thank you very much for coming. (Applause.)

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