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Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.

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Governor Kean, I'm pleased you'll soon be joining my
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It's good to see my god friend,

Gov. Clements, from my home

State of TX. You may not

know this, but the Dallas

paper reported last wk. that

gov. Clements was dining in

a rest. when a hold up +

a shoot occurred right in

front of him. But the most

unthinkable part of all, is

that not once through ordeal

did Gov. Clem. put his hands down.

Oct. 13, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Through: CHRISS WINSTON
From: MARK DAVIS *MD*
Subject: Republican Governors Association

SUMMARY: You will address the Republican Governors Association at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Capitol Hilton. You will be introduced by Governor Mike Hayden of Kansas, the current RGA Chairman, who will soon relinquish his post to Governor John Ashcroft of Missouri. Your remarks will be teleprompted.

DISCUSSION: This speech looks back to the Charlottesville summit, and acknowledges the need for bipartisan cooperation on urgent national issues. At the same time, the best ideas and leadership have come from the Republican Party -- a claim proven by our record of peace and prosperity. This speech denounces the unfair, partisan gerrymander -- a form of voter discrimination that governors can help end. At the same time, this speech makes it clear that in this age of federalism, governorships are valued for themselves -- not just for their influence on reapportionment. Majority control of the governorships is a national goal of the Republican Party.

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forced to confront the gritty problems, as am I. Some describe this responsibility as a great burden. But as I said before, for us, if it is a burden, it is one we cheerfully accept. To sit where the buck stops, to resolve disputes, to help those in need and to set a course for the future is to know a special kind of satisfaction.

For that reason I believe we can, **we must**, as chief executives **take responsibility**, join forces, and make a common cause of building a better America.

That is why we came together at Charlottesville, at an historic summit, only the third of its kind in our history. We came together, with your Democratic counterparts, in open, wide-ranging and creative sessions to seek a new direction in education. In the end, we agreed to an historic compact -- a Jeffersonian compact -- to set national goals; to allow for greater flexibility, more creativity; and then to be accountable for the results.

We could achieve this, because at Charlottesville we put progress before partisanship, the future before the moment and our children before ourselves. America simply faces too many of these long-term challenges for us to act only as Republicans or Democrats, conservatives or liberals. We must work together to redeem our schools. We must work together to save our children from drugs. We must work together to protect the environment and meet the changing needs of the American family.

Still, this does not mean that there is no time and place for partisanship. There is a Republican approach to the challenges we face. And we have proven, time and again, that the Republican approach is the **best approach.**\\

I consider this a matter of record, a record that includes **eighty-three months** of economic growth and **more than twenty million new jobs.**\\ A few years ago, when our opponents said that a tax cut would hurt the economy, we cut taxes -- and it did the opposite. When our opponents said that a stronger defense would make the Soviets more militant, we revitalized our armed forces -- and the Soviets met us at the negotiating table. In short, whatever has worked at the federal level happened only because Republicans and conservative Democrats in Congress joined forces to **make** it work.

So the bottom line is this -- throughout the 1980s, the Republican Party has been the party of ideas. This is no less true at the state level.

And while Republicans are leading the way, where is the opposition? Answer: in the throes of an identity crisis. After the longest peacetime expansion in history, the Democrats can't quite bring themselves to admit that Republicans were right. Nor do they have a new vision of where America should be going. All they can do is cloak their out-of-step ideas in the language of moderation.

I don't often quote Franklin Delano Roosevelt on partisan matters. But the little story he told to make fun of his

Republican opponents fits the liberal Democrats so well today. It is the story of the "unfortunate chameleon which turned brown when placed on a brown rug, and turned red when placed on a red rug, but who died a tragic death when they put him on a Scotch Plaid."\\

This is precisely what we must do in the 1990 election -- to keep the focus on the issues, and expose the true colors of the chameleon candidates. For the national and state elections of the 1990s will not just be a battle **of** the century; it will be a battle **for** the century -- the 21st century.

We have proven, time and again, that our party can keep the White House. But to win a majority of governorships, state offices and seats in Congress, we must roll up our sleeves and get down to the basics of winning elections. We must be more competitive. We must rededicate ourselves to the nuts and bolts of politics, the grassroots, as our opponents do.

As we look to the upcoming elections, we have three obtainable goals. First, to move toward **our rightful place as the majority party of governors.**\\ As federalism has enhanced your role, so the control of the governorships has become one of the most critical national goals of our party. Our second goal is to recapture the U.S. Senate. And third, we must open the House of Representatives to two-party competition.\\ But the key to all three goals is the first -- to elect more Republican governors.

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You know how the ugly gerrymander dilutes the votes of Republicans and Independents across this country. We have protested this in the past; but now it is time for us to raise our voices, to become true activists. As Republican leaders, you

can take our message to voters of your states. You must declare that **this form of voter discrimination must end.**\\

To lead America in the next century, we must make aggressive gains at the state level in the next few years. A majority, or even a large minority, of Republicans in state legislatures can join with you to sustain the veto of outrageous gerrymander schemes, strengthening our numbers in the U.S. House. Strong state parties can also help us to win back the U.S. Senate.

But we have far greater reasons than reapportionment to pursue the governorships of America. America faces tough problems that require more than federal solutions. They require national solutions. And solutions are now possible because the states are embracing a new dynamism based on an old vision.

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Dozens of states are experimenting with ways to remove obstacles to opportunity, and to bring the creative energy of entrepreneurship to the public sector. Some of your experiments are certain to become the national policies of the next century.

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Republican governors are already thinking big, thinking ahead. You are the planners **and** the prophets, the managers **and** the visionaries, the dreamers **and** the doers. You are the ones I look to join me, in a partnership, to win the future.

So this is our vision: We are going to be the party that leads the states. We are going to be the party that leads Congress. **Then we will be** the party that leads America into the 21st Century.\\

Thank you, God bless you and God bless America.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: BRENT O. HATCH *BOH*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Address: Republican Governors
Association, Tuesday, October 17, 1989

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Thank you for submitting this matter for our review.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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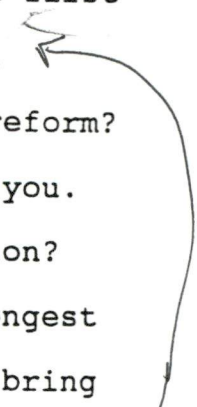
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You know how the ugly gerrymander dilutes the votes of Republicans and Independents across this country. We have protested this in the past; but now it is time for us to raise our voices, to become true activists. As Republican leaders, you can take our message to voters of your states. You must declare that **this form of voter discrimination must end.**\\

To lead America in the next century, we must make aggressive gains at the state level in the next few years. A majority, or even a large minority, of Republicans in state legislatures can join with you to sustain the veto of outrageous gerrymander schemes, strengthening our numbers in the U.S. House. Strong state parties can also help us to win back the U.S. Senate.

But we have far greater reasons than reapportionment to pursue the governorships of America. America faces tough problems that require more than federal solutions. They require national solutions. And solutions are now possible because the states are embracing a new dynamism based on an old vision.

The great Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis foresaw a time when: "a single courageous state . . . may serve as a laboratory and try novel social and economic experiments without risk to the nation." ((To borrow a phrase)) The states are becoming these "laboratories of democracy," with each state endowed with freedom -- freedom to fail, freedom to succeed, and freedom to discover and share its discoveries.

In an era of tight resources, necessity, the mother of invention, has also proven to be the mother of creative policies. You are following the advice of Teddy Roosevelt, a great Republican governor who said that our national greatness "is not what we **have** that will make us a great nation; it is the **way** in which we **use** it."

Dozens of states are experimenting with ways to remove obstacles to opportunity, and to bring the creative energy of entrepreneurship to the public sector. Some of your experiments are certain to become the national policies of the next century.

The states are at the forefront because the first instinct of our governors is not to look to Washington, but to the combined strength of the public and the private sector. Much has been written about how governors in both parties are rejecting the old ideologies and stale approaches of the past. Credit should be given where it is due. But I have to say, while Democrats have been adept at promoting new programs that attract a lot of fanfare, the Republican governors have quietly distinguished themselves with programs **that work**.

The people know this. And come November, 1990, I believe the voters will choose innovation and daring for their state government. They will vote Republican.

But to win big, you must think big. We must have the audacity -- not just to hold our own in the Senate, but to win it back. We must have the tenacity -- not just to elect more Members of Congress, but to reach for the Speaker's Chair. And

we must have the daring to seize the majority position among governors.

Republican governors are already thinking big, thinking ahead. You are the planners **and** the prophets, the managers **and** the visionaries, the dreamers **and** the doers. You are the ones I look to join me, in a partnership, to win the future.

So this is our vision: We are going to be the party that leads the states. We are going to be the party that leads Congress. **Then we will be** the party that leads America into the 21st Century.\\

Thank you, God bless you and God bless America.

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