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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: CLEMENTS FUNDRAISER

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RESPONSE:

OK w/ attention to comments - JWC 11/6/89.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON
Deputy Assistant to the President for
Communications

FROM: BRENT O. HATCH 
Associate Counsel to the President

SUBJECT: Clements Fundraiser

At your request, Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced remarks. On page three, paragraph three, line one of the draft, I suggest that the word "activist" be changed to "hands-on." In today's vernacular, "activist" often means that the person ignores, twists, or construes law for one's own policy purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON CW
FROM: MARK DAVIS MD
SUBJECT: Governor Clements' Fundraiser

I. SUMMARY:

On Friday, November 10, 1989, at 6:30 p.m. you will attend a \$1,000 a plate dinner at the Grand Kempinski Hotel in Dallas. An audience of 1,500 people is expected. Governor Bill Clements will introduce you, then you will deliver brief remarks (6-8 minutes) prepared on speechcards.

II. DISCUSSION:

The purpose of the fundraiser is to retire the Governor's debt before he retires from office. Your remarks quickly review the outstanding accomplishments of Governor Clements' terms --the improved economic outlook and criminal justice reform.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: Dave Demarest.

Clements is going out.
Therefore I think we need
a little more for this audience of what I
want to see happen.
I have scribbled a few ideas that
need cleaning up.

The length is fine... but if it takes
a little more to get in some of what
I am trying to do, let's do it no more than
5 pages.

mention super collider.

no boots
" cowboy references
maybe Dallas Cowboy
ref. if it is funny -
no ridicule -

THE WHITE HOUSE
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I think we need to work in my federal priorities and show that they coincide with his State priorities...

DATE:

Education, anti-drugs,

FROM THE PRESIDENT: The Bill shares my views on a strong defense. He knows the subject.

To:

I am optimistic about the amazing changes taking place in Eastern Europe and indeed in the Soviet Union, but I also know that this country must not base its foreign policy or its National security policy on the aspirations of one man inside the Soviet Union or anywhere else.

In that regard I am really looking forward to my Malta meeting with Mr. Gorbachev.

It is not a SUMMIT meeting.... Summit subjects such as detailed arms control proposals will be covered at next year's summit. But there are plenty of subjects we can talk about. I will make clear that we want to see his reforms succeed and I will be prepared to tell Mr. Gorbachev what more they can do to see improved relations with us. There are lots of regional subjects to discuss... lots of global subjects-the environment comes to mind- to discuss.

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((BUT BILL, AT LEAST YOU'RE A COLORFUL CHARACTER. I GUESS THE WHOLE COUNTRY HAS HEARD THE STORY OF HOW YOU WERE EATING IN A DALLAS RESTAURANT WHEN A HOLDUP TOOK PLACE -- AND HOW YOU JUST KEPT RIGHT ON EATING YOUR HAMBURGER THROUGH THE WHOLE ORDEAL. BILL, I'M NOT SURE IF THAT WAS TEXAS COURAGE\\ OR JUST HUNGER\\\\ OR THE NEED FOR A NEW PAIR OF GLASSES.))

KIDDING ASIDE, BILL, I WANT YOU TO KNOW I WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED THIS AFFAIR FOR ANYTHING. OVER THE YEARS, I HAVE COME TO DEPEND ON YOUR STEADY FRIENDSHIP AND SOUND ADVICE. SO HAVE THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS. AND TONIGHT'S TRIBUTE IS OUR WAY OF LETTING YOU KNOW JUST HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOU.

BILL, YOUR FIRST TERM WAS A GLORIOUS TIME FOR TEXAS, AND A MEMORABLE CHAPTER IN THE POLITICAL HISTORY OF OUR STATE. THEY SAY IN WEST TEXAS THAT A MILE BETWEEN FENCEPOSTS IS A LONG DISTANCE, BUT A MILE BETWEEN TOWNS IS SHORT. WELL, BILL, THE TIME BETWEEN YOUR TWO TERMS WAS SHORT ENOUGH TO PRESERVE THE GAINS THAT YOU HAD ACHIEVED. BUT IT WAS LONG ENOUGH TO PROVE JUST HOW RIGHT YOU WERE ABOUT WHAT WORKS FOR TEXAS.\\ ((OF COURSE, THERE ARE THOSE WHO STILL SAY THAT ON THE DAY BILL CLEMENTS RETURNED AS GOVERNOR, THAT THE TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD SWITCHED BACK TO PLAID FATIGUES.))\\

BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT IN THE MIDDLE YEARS OF THE DECADE, HUMOR WAS IN SHORT SUPPLY IN TEXAS. WHEN YOU HIT THE COMEBACK TRAIL, HOUSES COULD BE HAD FOR PAYMENTS; AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF BLUE-COLLAR PROVIDERS JUST COULDN'T PROVIDE. BILL, TEXAS WAS IN TROUBLE.\\ TEXAS NEEDED A LEADER.\\ TEXAS NEEDED YOU.\\

NOW, OPTIMISM HAS RETURNED TO THE MOST OPTIMISTIC STATE IN THE UNION. TEXAS EMPLOYMENT IS UP. CONSTRUCTION PERMITS ARE UP. RETAIL SALES ARE UP. ONCE AGAIN, TEXAS IS A MAGNET FOR BUSINESS AND FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS LIKE THE SUPERCONDUCTING SUPER COLLIDER. THE SPACE INDUSTRY IS STARTING TO TAKE OFF, AND THE EYES OF TEXAS ARE ONCE AGAIN ON THE STARS. ALL THIS ADDS UP TO JOBS, PROSPERITY AND A DECENT SHOT AT HAPPINESS FOR COUNTLESS FAMILIES. THE COMEBACK OF BILL CLEMENTS HAS MEANT NOTHING LESS THAN THE COMEBACK OF TEXAS.\

THESE HAVE ALSO BEEN COMEBACK YEARS FOR AMERICA. TRUE, WE STILL FACE SOME TOUGH NATIONAL PROBLEMS. BUT TOUGH NATIONAL PROBLEMS REQUIRE NOTHING LESS THAN NATIONAL SOLUTIONS. AND THAT IS WHY I'M PLEASED TO WORK SO CLOSELY WITH BILL CLEMENTS AND ALL MY FELLOW CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN THE STATES.

BILL AND I SHARE A SIMILAR APPROACH ON MANY ISSUES, STARTING WITH CRIME-FIGHTING. THANKS TO BILL, PRISON SENTENCES IN TEXAS ARE AGAIN MEASURED IN YEARS, NOT METED OUT BY THE AVAILABLE SQUARE-FEET. I BELIEVE WE NEED THIS SAME TOUGH APPROACH IN WASHINGTON, STARTING WITH MY ADMINISTRATION'S CRIME-CONTROL LEGISLATION TO TOUGHEN FEDERAL SENTENCES. AND I BELIEVE CONGRESS SHOULD HELP US BY PUTTING THE HANDCUFFS ON CRIMINALS, NOT ON THE COURTS.\ \

BILL AND I SHARE A SIMILAR APPROACH TO FIGHTING DRUGS. TEXAS HAS TIGHTENED ITS PROBATION AND PAROLE SYSTEM SO THAT EX-CONS MUST NOW BE "DRUG FREE TO BE FREE"; THE TEXAS NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM HAS USED A \$12 MILLION FEDERAL INVESTMENT TO SEIZE MORE THAN \$350 MILLION WORTH OF DRUGS; AND THE TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD IS ON THE ALERT FOR SMUGGLERS. THIS IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF TOUGH-MINDED STRATEGY THAT AMERICA NEEDS -- THAT I PROPOSED -- AND THAT CONGRESS MUST PASS.\ \

AND BILL AND I ALSO SHARE A SIMILAR APPROACH ON EDUCATION REFORM. AT THE CHARLOTTESVILLE SUMMIT, THE GOVERNORS JOINED ME IN AN HISTORIC COMPACT TO GIVE OUR SCHOOLS GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN RETURN FOR GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY. AND I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT BILL IS ALREADY DOING, REWARDING GOOD SCHOOLS THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM.

FINALLY, AS A FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, BILL SHARES MY VIEW THAT THE BEST WAY TO KEEP AMERICA AND THE WEST FREE, IS TO KEEP OURSELVES STRONG.\ \

OF COURSE, WE ALL LOOK AT THE AMAZING CHANGES IN EASTERN EUROPE -- INDEED, IN THE SOVIET UNION ITSELF -- WITH ENCOURAGEMENT AND HOPE. YET THIS COUNTRY MUST NOT BASE ITS FOREIGN POLICY OR ITS NATIONAL SECURITY ON THE ASPIRATIONS OF ONE MAN INSIDE THE SOVIET UNION, OR ANYWHERE ELSE. I DO LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH MISTER GORBACHEV OFF THE COAST OF MALTA. BECAUSE THIS IS NOT A SUMMIT, WE'LL LEAVE THE DETAILED ARMS-CONTROL PROPOSALS TO THE TRUE SUMMIT, TO BE HELD NEXT YEAR. BUT, THERE WILL BE PLENTY FOR US TO TALK ABOUT THIS YEAR: REGIONAL ISSUES, AND SOME GLOBAL ONES, INCLUDING THE ENVIRONMENT. I WILL ALSO MAKE IT CLEAR TO MISTER GORBACHEV THAT WE WANT TO SEE HIS REFORMS SUCCEED. AND I WILL TELL MISTER GORBACHEV WHAT HIS GOVERNMENT CAN DO TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

I HAVE TOUCHED ON MANY ISSUES, IMPORTANT TO TEXAS AND THE NATION. BUT I MUST NOTE THAT TEXAS IS NOW AT THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW ERA. IN JUST A LITTLE MORE THAN ONE YEAR, TEXANS WILL CHOOSE A NEW GOVERNOR. AND WHEN I CONSIDER THE TALENTED REPUBLICANS WHO ARE RUNNING TO SUCCEED BILL, I CAN'T HELP BUT SAY THAT WITH CONTINUED REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP, TEXAS CANNOT LOSE.\

((AS YOU WOULD EXPECT, A TEXAS DEMOCRATIC FRIEND OF MINE HAD HIS OWN IDEAS ABOUT THE ELECTION. HE OFFERED ME HIS PREDICTION THAT THE NEXT GOVERNOR OF THIS STATE WOULD BE THAT SMART, SILVER-HAIRED, FEISTY, OUT-SPOKEN LONE STAR LADY WITH A SHARP SENSE OF HUMOR.\\ I SAID, "NO WAY. NOT POSSIBLE. BARBARA BUSH IS VERY HAPPY IN THE WHITE HOUSE.")\\

BUT THE ELECTION IS A YEAR AWAY. TONIGHT, WE ARE GATHERED TO HONOR A GOVERNOR WHO IS STILL AT WORK, STILL BUILDING A LEGACY OF SAFER STREETS AND BETTER SCHOOLS; OF GOOD GOVERNMENT AND GREATER OPPORTUNITY.

BILL, TEXAS IS A MYTHIC PLACE, A LAND OF HEROES. THEIR VERY NAMES ARE THE STUFF OF LEGEND: DAVY CROCKETT, SAM HOUSTON AND STEPHEN F. AUSTIN. I PREDICT THAT WHEN SOME FUTURE HISTORIAN WRITES THE HISTORY OF MODERN TEXAS, THERE WILL BE ROOM FOR YET ANOTHER HERO, ANOTHER GREAT TEXAS LEADER. AND HIS NAME WILL BE WILLIAM CLEMENTS.\\ MAY I PROPOSE A TOAST? ((RAISE GLASS)) BILL AND RITA, TO YOU AND TO TEXAS.\\

((AFTER TOAST)) THANK YOU, AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU
AND THE LONE STAR STATE.

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GOV. BILL CLEMENTS
GRAND KEMPINSKI HOTEL, DALLAS, TEXAS
6:30 P.M., FRIDAY, Nov. 10, 1989

THANK YOU BILL. GOOD TO SEE YOU, RITA,
((SECRETARY OF STATE)) GEORGE BAYOUD ((BYE-EWED)), FRED
MEYER, PENNY BUTLER, AND OF COURSE LEE ATWATER.

((IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK IN THE METROPLEX, AND
ESPECIALLY IN A CITY THAT FORGOT TO FINISH THE ROOF
OVER ITS BIGGEST STADIUM.\\ OF COURSE, IN THE GOOD OLD
DAYS, ANY DALLAS COWBOY FAN WOULD TELL YOU THIS WAS SO
GOD COULD SEE HIS TEAM PLAY.))\\

BILL -- YOU AND I GO BACK A LONG WAY -- LONG
BEFORE EITHER OF US GOT INTO POLITICS. WE SHARED
COMMON GOALS IN BUSINESS AND IN POLITICS. ((WE ALSO
HAVE A LOT IN COMMON AS PUBLIC SPEAKERS. WE'VE
CERTAINLY BEEN ACCUSED OF MAKING OUR SHARE OF VERBAL
GAFFES. BUT BILL, SO WHAT IF WE'VE BEEN KNOWN TO PUT
OUR FOOT IN OUR MOUTH FROM TIME TO TIME?\\ I JUST HOPE
YOUR FOOT IS AS SILVER AS MINE.))\\\\