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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT FUNDRAISING DINNER
FOR SENATOR PHIL GRAMMThe Houston Astrodome
Houston, Texas

8:09 P.M. CST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Phil. I'll admit it, these days I'm a little nervous when I give a speech on December 7th. Pearl Harbor Day, I think. (Laughter and applause.)

To our dear friend, Wendy Gramm, and the Secretary of the Treasury, Nick Brady, and to Dr. Bill Bennett who's waging the fight against narcotics for our country. To Chairman Atwater, the able Chairman of the Republican National Committee, and to our able state leaders, Fred Meyer and Penny Butler, Tom Loeffler, pleased to be with you all. And, of course, it's a great pleasure to see my friend, Lee Greenwood again, and Chuck Norris, with whom I campaigned. We campaigned with both of them, and so many other celebrities here tonight.

And I want to say a special hello to the members of our terrific Republican Texas Congressional Delegation. To them, I would simply say, my condolences for going from one House of Pain to another. (Applause.) You know, the only thing better than being introduced by Phil Gramm is hearing Phil Gramm being introduced by Moses. (Laughter.)

And Chuck, it's a great pleasure to see you again. Long John Silver -- and that'll be a tremendous success, I know.

But it's always good to come home to Texas. And actually, I'm happy to say that Houston was just selected as the site for the next economic summit. (Applause.) In 1990, the world's economic superpowers will all convene here. I thought I'd show off my hometown. And I hope you don't mind, but it's going to be a tremendous meeting here. (Applause.)

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Just last week, democracy was challenged in the Philippines. And we stood with President Aquino then, and we continue to stand with her and with democracy now. We must not let the democratic process be overthrown by revolution and by military takeover. (Applause.)

I really feel in my heart that the meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev was a success -- a chance to improve an important relationship. But tonight Malta somehow seems far away. It's great to be home among so many old friends -- here at the Superbowl of political fundraisers -- and to have a chance to say a few words about a very close friend. One of the best friends that Texas has ever had. Senator Phil Gramm. (Applause.)

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But we must preserve another precious resource -- our children. There is no greater threat to the health of the American mind and the American family, than the poison of illegal drugs -- so our Administration is working to win the fight against drugs.

I've saluted Bill Bennett for his courageous work and I want to say this. Phil Gramm understands that fight -- he's been on the front line from day one. He was there as Bill Bennett crafted our widely-accepted National Drug Strategy to toughen enforcement, limit supply, and shut down demand. But it will be a long war -- and that's another reason that we, you and I, need Phil Gramm in Washington.

In many ways, our fight has been delayed unnecessarily. You see, I sent a tough, strong crime package to the members of Congress last June. Our Texas Congressional delegation supports it. Our distinguished Senator Phil Gramm supports it. But we need action on that package. We need action now. And I hope the Congress, when they come back, will pass this critical legislation early in the next session -- to take back America's streets. We owe it to the young people of this country. (Applause.)

We'll also need Phil for another tough fight. This administration is committed to get that deficit down, committed to a balanced budget -- and Phil Gramm understands how to balance a budget.

He's fought budget-busting irresponsibility by creating landmark budget-balancing legislation -- the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation. By helping us fend off tax increases. And by encouraging the kind of incentives that continue to create an average of over 200,000 new jobs a month -- every month -- for the last 84 months of this record-breaking peacetime economic expansion. You see, Phil understands prosperity. He helps create it -- every day that he's working in the United States Senate.

The Senate needs him -- because as you know, this man is very smart. Last spring, when I was flying with Phil on Air Force One -- on my way to going to the Aggie commencement address -- (cheering) -- I see he's brought along the reserves -- he offered to trade his A & M tie for my basic, elitist, ivy-league striped tie.

I thought that was a pretty shrewd trade on my part. Until later, when I found out that Phil went off to the Tarrant County Republican Women's Club and sold off my tie for a thousand dollars. (Laughter.) With that kind of savvy in Washington, there is no doubt that we'll be able to balance the budget.

Just the other night, I was reading a Christmas story to a couple of grandkids -- and when they asked me who the Three Wise Men were, I said, of course, "Gramm, Rudman, and Hollings." (Laughter.) I'm not so sure about that third wise man.

Thanks to that landmark legislation, in three of the last

four years, government has actually gotten smaller compared to the private sector of our economy -- the deficit as a share of Gross National Product has been cut roughly in half.

The discipline that this legislation imposes on Congress is absolutely crucial to our long-term efforts to balance the federal budget deficit. And I know that Washington will never find a stronger advocate for a disciplined, balanced budget, than the Senator from Texas, Phil Gramm. (Applause.)

You know, there's a story that Phil's half-brother tells that when Phil was a little guy, he started a neighborhood army of a half-a-dozen kids. One day, the smallest of the group ran crying to Mrs. Gramm. The other boys were corporals or captains, and they were working this young private pretty hard.

When Phil's mother called in Colonel Gramm and told him to fix the situation immediately, Phil said, "Yes, Ma'am," turned around, promoted the Private to 2nd Lieutenant, and promoted himself to Major General. (Laughter.)

Like I said -- he's smart. A smart man -- a man who understands power and how to use it -- to improve education and the environment, to win the fight against drugs, and to balance the budget. But even more important, Phil Gramm knows how to empower other Americans. All Americans.

"The largest beneficiary of a program for economic freedom," he said recently, "is not the person who already has a piece of the pie, but the person who wants the opportunity to get one."

I need and Texas demands and America deserves his bold, courageous leadership, to make the right things happen on Capitol Hill. He's a Senator who knows what it means to serve his constituents and his country -- and every day he's in the Senate, he serves them ably, compassionately and well.

It's my pleasure and it's Barbara's pleasure to have been with you here tonight. Thank you. God bless you. And God bless the United States of America. Thank you very, very much. (Applause.)

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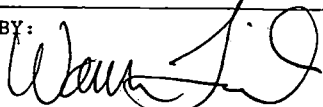
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**PHIL GRAMM FUNDRAISER
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[7:30 P.M.]**

**THANK YOU, PHIL. ((I'LL ADMIT IT, THESE DAYS
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**WENDY GRAMM. SECRETARY BRADY. DR. BILL BENNETT.
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**AND I WANT TO SAY A SPECIAL HELLO TO THE MEMBERS
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((YOU KNOW, THE ONLY THING BETTER THAN BEING INTRODUCED BY PHIL GRAMM, IS HEARING PHIL GRAMM BEING INTRODUCED BY MOSES. \\\

BUT IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO COME HOME TO TEXAS. ACTUALLY, I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT HOUSTON WAS JUST CHOSEN AS THE SITE FOR THE NEXT ECONOMIC SUMMIT. IN 1990, THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC SUPERPOWERS WILL ALL CONVENE HERE. THOUGHT I'D SHOW OFF MY HOME TOWN. I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND. \\\

AS YOU KNOW, I'VE JUST RETURNED FROM WHAT MANY HAVE CALLED A SALTWATER "SUMMIT" WITH MIKHAIL GORBACHEV. OTHERS HAVE CALLED IT THE "SCHMOOZE CRUISE." \\\ AS USUAL, REALITY IS SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE.

OUR MEETING WAS A POSITIVE, PRODUCTIVE, HOPEFUL STEP TOWARD A NEW AMERICAN-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP. OUR TALKS RANGED WIDELY, AND OFFERED A GLIMPSE OF WHAT ALL OF US HAVE HOPED FOR, THESE FORTY YEARS: A MORE STABLE, MORE PEACEFUL WORLD.

WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND WITH
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WHATEVER ~~ELSE~~ THE SANDINISTAS HAVE TOLD THE SOVIET UNION, WE KNOW THAT ARMS ARE GOING FROM NICARAGUA INTO EL SALVADOR. AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT FIDEL CASTRO CONTINUES TO EXPORT REVOLUTION -- NOT JUST INTO EL SALVADOR, BUT INTO OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL.

SUCH ACTIVITIES IN NICARAGUA AND CUBA WEIGH HEAVILY ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. WE WANT THIS HEMISPHERE FREE OF THAT BURDEN. WE WANT THIS TO BE THE FIRST HEMISPHERE MADE UP ENTIRELY OF FREE, DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES.

THE MEETING WITH MIKHAIL GORBACHEV WAS A SUCCESS -- A CHANCE TO IMPROVE AN IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP. BUT TONIGHT MALTA SEEMS FAR AWAY. IT'S GREAT TO BE HOME AMONG SO MANY OLD FRIENDS -- HERE AT THE SUPERBOWL OF POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS -- AND TO HAVE A CHANCE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT A VERY CLOSE FRIEND. ONE OF THE BEST FRIENDS TEXAS EVER HAD. SENATOR PHIL GRAMM.

I'VE KNOWN PHIL FOR A LOT OF YEARS, AND I KNOW THAT WHEN A PROBLEM NEEDS ATTENTION -- WHEN GOOD POLICY NEEDS TO BE CREATED, OR MISGUIDED POLICY NEEDS TO BE CHANGED -- PHIL IS ALWAYS THE FIRST OUT OF THE BLOCKS. WILLING TO TAKE POLITICAL RISK FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD. PHIL GRAMM BRINGS COURAGE TO CAPITOL HILL.

THERE'S NO BETTER EVIDENCE FOR THAT, THAN THE STORY OF HOW PHIL GOT HIS START AS A REPUBLICAN. IN 1983, YOU KNOW, PHIL WAS A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN. HE WAS JUSTIFIABLY PROUD OF HIS WORK ON THE 1981 BUDGET -- REBUILDING NATIONAL DEFENSE AND REORDERING GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES.

HE RISKED A LOT TO PUSH THAT BUDGET THROUGH -- AND BECAUSE OF IT, HE WAS STRIPPED OF HIS SEAT BY THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS CONTROLLING THE PROCESS, THERE ON THE HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

SO HE CHANGED PARTIES, AND IN A REAL PROFILE IN COURAGE, HE RESIGNED FROM CONGRESS -- TO ALLOW THE PEOPLE OF HIS DISTRICT TO JUDGE HIM AND HIS ACTIONS. HE WON RE-ELECTION ON LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, AS THE FIRST REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN IN THE HISTORY OF THE 6TH DISTRICT. BECAUSE OF HIS VIEWS AND HIS STRONG PRINCIPLES, HE APPEALED TO REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS THEN -- JUST AS HE DOES NOW. WE WERE GLAD TO HAVE HIM. AND AMERICA WAS LUCKY TO GET HIM BACK.

AND WE WERE EVEN LUCKIER TO HAVE SENATOR PHIL GRAMM WHEN, LAST WINTER, THIS ADMINISTRATION SET OUT TO MAKE NEW PROGRESS ON A NUMBER OF FRONTS: EDUCATION. THE ENVIRONMENT. THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS AND CRIME. AND A BALANCED BUDGET. WE'VE MADE PROGRESS -- AND PHIL GRAMM HAS BEEN WITH US EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

BECAUSE EDUCATION IS THE PATH TO A BRIGHTER AMERICAN FUTURE, WE CONVENED THE FIRST EDUCATION SUMMIT IN AMERICAN HISTORY. WE CALLED FOR GREATER CHOICE, AND INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY, WHILE PROMOTING AND REWARDING EXCELLENCE. PHIL GRAMM UNDERSTANDS THE VALUE OF GOOD EDUCATION -- HE CO-SPONSORED OUR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE ACT.

WE'VE ALSO WORKED HARD TO PRESERVE ALL OF THE FACETS OF OUR PRECIOUS ENVIRONMENT. WE'VE PROPOSED THE FIRST REFORMS TO THE CLEAN AIR ACT IN OVER A DECADE, WORKING TO BALANCE ECONOMIC GROWTH WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. PHIL GRAMM UNDERSTANDS THAT BALANCE -- HE'S HELPED US CRAFT ECONOMICALLY EFFICIENT MARKET INCENTIVES FOR OUR CLEAN AIR PROPOSAL.

HERE IN TEXAS HE'S BEEN A LEADER IN THE FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAM TO PRESERVE GALVESTON BAY. HE'S SUPPORTED LEGISLATION FOR AN INTERNATIONAL TREATY BANNING OFFSHORE DUMPING IN THE GULF. AND HE'S WORKED TO CLEAN UP THE RIO GRANDE RIVER. PHIL GRAMM IS MAKING SURE THE GREAT STATE OF TEXAS PRESERVES WHAT'S HERS.

BUT WE MUST PRESERVE ANOTHER PRECIOUS RESOURCE -- OUR CHILDREN. THERE IS NO GREATER THREAT TO THE HEALTH OF THE AMERICAN MIND AND THE AMERICAN FAMILY, THAN THE POISON OF ILLEGAL DRUGS -- SO THIS ADMINISTRATION IS WORKING TO WIN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS.

PHIL GRAMM UNDERSTANDS THAT FIGHT -- HE'S BEEN ON THE FRONT LINE FROM DAY ONE. HE WAS THERE AS BILL BENNETT CRAFTED OUR NATIONAL DRUG STRATEGY TO TOUGHEN ENFORCEMENT, LIMIT SUPPLY, AND SHUT DOWN DEMAND. BUT IT WILL BE A LONG WAR -- AND THAT'S ANOTHER REASON I NEED PHIL GRAMM IN WASHINGTON.

IN MANY WAYS, OUR FIGHT HAS BEEN DELAYED UNNECESSARILY. I SENT A TOUGH CRIME PACKAGE TO THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS LAST ^{June} MAY. WE NEED ACTION ON THAT PACKAGE. WE NEED ACTION NOW. AND I HOPE CONGRESS WILL PASS THIS CRITICAL LEGISLATION EARLY IN THE NEXT SESSION -- TO TAKE BACK AMERICA'S STREETS.

WE'LL ALSO NEED PHIL FOR ANOTHER TOUGH FIGHT. THIS ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO A BALANCED BUDGET -- AND PHIL GRAMM UNDERSTANDS HOW TO BALANCE A BUDGET.

HE'S FOUGHT BUDGET-BUSTING IRRESPONSIBILITY BY CREATING LANDMARK BUDGET-BALANCING LEGISLATION -- THE GRAMM-RUDMAN-HOLLINGS LEGISLATION. BY HELPING US FEND OFF TAX INCREASES. AND BY ENCOURAGING THE KIND OF INCENTIVES THAT CONTINUE TO CREATE AN AVERAGE OF OVER 200,000 NEW JOBS A MONTH -- EVERY MONTH -- FOR THE LAST 84 MONTHS OF THIS RECORD-BREAKING PEACETIME ECONOMIC EXPANSION. PHIL GRAMM UNDERSTANDS PROSPERITY. HE CREATES IT -- EVERY DAY HE'S WORKING IN THE U.S. SENATE.

THE SENATE NEEDS PHIL GRAMM -- BECAUSE AS YOU KNOW, THIS MAN IS VERY SMART. LAST SPRING, WHEN I WAS FLYING WITH PHIL ON AIR FORCE ONE -- ON MY WAY TO GIVING THE AGGIE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS -- HE OFFERED TO TRADE HIS A & M TIE FOR MY ORDINARY STRIPED ONE. I THOUGHT THAT WAS A PRETTY SHREWD TRADE ON MY PART. UNTIL LATER, WHEN I FOUND OUT PHIL WENT OFF TO THE TARRANT COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB -- AND AUCTIONED OFF MY TIE. FOR A THOUSAND DOLLARS. WITH THAT KIND OF SAVVY IN WASHINGTON, THERE'S NO DOUBT WE'LL BALANCE THE BUDGET.

JUST THE OTHER NIGHT, I WAS READING A CHRISTMAS STORY TO A COUPLE OF GRANDKIDS -- AND WHEN THEY ASKED ME WHO THE THREE WISE MEN WERE, I SAID "GRAMM, RUDMAN, AND HOLLINGS."))

THANKS TO THAT LANDMARK LEGISLATION, IN THREE OF THE LAST FOUR YEARS, GOVERNMENT HAS ACTUALLY GOTTEN SMALLER COMPARED TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY -- AND THE DEFICIT AS A SHARE OF G.N.P. HAS BEEN CUT ROUGHLY IN HALF.

THE DISCIPLINE THAT THIS LEGISLATION IMPOSES ON CONGRESS IS ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL TO OUR LONG TERM EFFORTS TO BALANCE THE FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICIT. AND I KNOW THAT WASHINGTON WILL NEVER FIND A STRONGER ADVOCATE FOR A DISCIPLINED, BALANCED BUDGET, THAN THE SENATOR FROM TEXAS.

YOU KNOW, THERE'S A STORY THAT PHIL'S HALF-BROTHER TELLS, THAT WHEN PHIL WAS A TYKE, HE STARTED A NEIGHBORHOOD ARMY OF HALF A DOZEN KIDS. ONE DAY, THE SMALLEST OF THE GROUP RAN CRYING TO MRS. GRAMM. THE OTHER BOYS WERE CORPORALS OR CAPTAINS, AND THEY WERE WORKING THIS YOUNG PRIVATE PRETTY HARD.

WELL, PHIL'S MOTHER CALLED IN COLONEL GRAMM AND TOLD HIM TO FIX THE SITUATION IMMEDIATELY. PHIL SAID, "YES, MA'AM," TURNED AROUND, PROMOTED THE PRIVATE TO 2ND LIEUTENANT, AND PROMOTED HIMSELF TO MAJOR GENERAL.

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cu*

FROM: MARK LANGE *ML*

SUBJECT: REMARKS FOR THE PHIL GRAMM FUNDRAISER

I. SUMMARY

On Thursday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m., you will address 4,000 people in Houston's Astrodome. Charlton Heston will introduce Senator Gramm, who will introduce you.

Wendy Gramm, Secretary Brady, Dr. Bill Bennett, Chairman Atwater, the entire Republican Texas Congressional Delegation, Fred Meyer (State Chairman), Penny Butler (National Committeewoman), and Lee Greenwood will also attend.

II. DISCUSSION

The attached remarks (12 minutes, teleprompter) touch on Malta, and then move on to praise Phil Gramm's accomplishments in the House and Senate. The remarks salute his courageous work on the 1981 budget, and mention his support for our proposals on education, crime, and the environment.

*Crime package
addition
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(Lange/Blessey)
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Our meeting was a positive, productive, hopeful step toward a new American-Soviet relationship. Our talks ranged widely, and offered a glimpse of what all of us have hoped for, these forty

years: a more stable, more peaceful world.

With the support of the American people, and with the solidarity of the Alliance, the promise of a new world of freedom is within our reach. May it be fulfilled in our lifetime. \\\

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I offered a number of ideas to Chairman Gorbachev. I suggested we work to complete a trade agreement, granting Most Favored Nation status to the Soviet Union, when I meet with him next year in Washington. *which would lead and then we would*

I proposed, that we work to sign a new treaty on Conventional Forces in Europe in 1990. And I suggested we accelerate the START process -- and speed the ban of chemical weapons.

Tensions **have** been reduced. But there was one area where I had to speak firmly, and frankly -- and that was on Central America. There can be no misunderstanding here.

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*
SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Phil Gramm Fundraiser the
Astrodome, Houston Thursday, December 7, 1989

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

cc: James W. Cicconi

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Chriss -

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Subject: Phil Gramm Fundraiser Draft Speech

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James W. Cicconi
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INFORMATION

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THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cul*
FROM: MARK LANGE *ML*
SUBJECT: REMARKS FOR THE PHIL GRAMM FUNDRAISER

I. SUMMARY

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Wendy Gramm, Secretary Brady, Dr. Bill Bennett, Chairman Atwater, the entire Republican Texas Congressional Delegation, Fred Meyer (State Chairman), Penny Butler (National Committeewoman), and Lee Greenwood will also attend.

II. DISCUSSION

The attached remarks (12 minutes, teleprompter) touch on Malta, and then move on to praise Phil Gramm's accomplishments in the House and Senate. The remarks salute his courageous work on the 1981 budget, and mention his support for our proposals on education, crime, and the environment.

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years: a more stable, more peaceful world.

With the support of the American people, and with the solidarity of the Alliance, the promise of a new world of freedom is within our reach. May it be fulfilled in our lifetime. \\\

I offered a number of ideas to Chairman Gorbachev. I suggested we work to complete a trade agreement, granting Most Favored Nation status to the Soviet Union, when I meet with him next year in Washington.

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cul*
FROM: MARK LANGE *ML*
SUBJECT: REMARKS FOR THE PHIL GRAMM FUNDRAISER

I. SUMMARY

On Thursday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m., you will address 4,000 people in Houston's Astrodome. Charlton Heston will introduce Senator Gramm, who will introduce you.

Wendy Gramm, Secretary Brady, Dr. Bill Bennett, Chairman Atwater, the entire Republican Texas Congressional Delegation, Fred Meyer (State Chairman), Penny Butler (National Committeewoman), and Lee Greenwood will also attend.

II. DISCUSSION

The attached remarks (12 minutes, teleprompter) touch on Malta, and then move on to praise Phil Gramm's accomplishments in the House and Senate. The remarks salute his courageous work on the 1981 budget, and mention his support for our proposals on education, crime, and the environment.

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December 5, 1989
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PHIL GRAMM FUNDRAISER
THE ASTRODOME, HOUSTON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1989
[7:30 P.M.]

Thank you, Phil. ((I'll admit it, these days I'm a little nervous when I give a speech on December 7th...))

Wendy Gramm. Secretary Brady. Dr. Bill Bennett. Chairman Atwater, Fred Meyer (State Chairman), Penny Butler (National Committeewoman), Lee Greenwood. Members of the Republican Texas Congressional Delegation. Fellow Texans...

((You know, the only thing better than being introduced by Phil Gramm, is hearing Phil Gramm being introduced by Moses. \\\

The Astrodome is often called the "House of Pain." Maybe that's why the other party is rumored to be holding its next convention here.))

Actually, I'm happy to say that Houston was just chosen as the site for the next economic summit. In 1990, the world's economic superpowers will all convene here. Thought I'd show off my home town. I hope you don't mind. \\\

As you know, I've just returned from what many have called a saltwater "summit" with Mikhail Gorbachev. Others have called it the "schmooze cruise." \\\ As usual, reality is somewhere in the middle.

Our meeting was a positive, productive, hopeful step toward a new American-Soviet relationship. Our talks ranged widely, and offered a glimpse of what all of us have hoped for, these forty

years: a more stable, more peaceful world.

With the support of the American people, and with the solidarity of the Alliance, the promise of a new world of freedom is within our reach. May it be fulfilled in our lifetime. \\\

I offered a number of ideas to Chairman Gorbachev. I suggested we work to complete a trade agreement, granting Most Favored Nation status to the Soviet Union, when I meet with him next year in Washington.

I proposed that we work to sign a new treaty on Conventional Forces in Europe in 1990. And I suggested we accelerate the START process -- and speed the ban of chemical weapons.

Tensions **have** been reduced. But there was one area where I had to speak firmly, and frankly -- and that was on Central America. There can be no misunderstanding here.

Whatever else the Sandinistas have told our friends in the Soviet Union, we **know** that arms are going from Nicaragua into El Salvador. Activities in those countries and in Cuba weigh heavily on U.S.-Soviet relations. **We want this hemisphere free of that burden.** \\\

My meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev was a great success -- a chance to build a new friendship. But tonight it's great to be home among so many old friends -- here at the Superbowl of political fundraisers -- and to have a chance to say a few words about a very close friend. One of the best friends Texas ever had. **Senator Phil Gramm.**

I've known Phil for a lot of years, and I know that when

a problem needs attention -- when good policy needs to be created, or misguided policy needs to be changed -- Phil is always the first out of the blocks. Willing to take political risk for the public good. **Phil Gramm brings courage to Capitol Hill.**

There's no better evidence for that, than the story of how Phil got his start as a Republican. In 1983, you know, Phil was a Democratic Congressman. He was justifiably proud of his work on the 1981 budget -- **rebuilding national defense and reordering government priorities.**

He risked a lot to push that budget through -- and was stripped of his seat on the House Budget Committee because of it. ((We all make mistakes. Phil's only mistake was running as a Democrat.))

So he changed parties and, in a real profile in courage, he resigned from Congress -- to allow the people of his district to judge him and his actions. He won re-election on Lincoln's birthday, as the first Republican Congressman in the history of the 6th District. **We were glad to have him. And America was lucky to get him back.**

And we were even luckier to have Senator Phil Gramm when, last winter, this administration set out to make new progress on a number of fronts: Education. The environment. The fight against drugs. And a balanced budget. We've made progress -- and Phil Gramm has been with us every step of the way.

Because **education** is the path to a brighter American future,

we convened the first Education Summit in American history. We called for greater choice, and increased accountability, while promoting and rewarding excellence. **Phil Gramm understands** the value of good education -- he co-sponsored our Educational Excellence Act.

We've also worked hard to preserve all of the facets of our precious **environment**. We've proposed the first reforms to the Clean Air Act in over a decade, working to balance economic growth with environmental protection. **Phil Gramm understands** that balance -- he's helped us craft economically efficient market incentives for our Clean Air Proposal.

Here in Texas he's been a leader in the federal and state program to preserve Galveston Bay. He's supported legislation for an international treaty banning offshore dumping in the Gulf. And he's worked to clean up the Rio Grande River. **Phil Gramm is making sure the great state of Texas preserves what's hers.**

But we must preserve another precious resource -- our children. There is no greater threat to the health of the American mind and the American family, than the poison of illegal drugs -- so this administration is working to **win the fight against drugs.**

Phil Gramm understands that fight -- he's been on the front line from day one. He was there as Bill Bennett crafted our National Drug Strategy to toughen enforcement, limit supply, and shut down demand. But it will be a long war -- and that's another reason I need Phil Gramm in Washington.

We'll also need Phil for another tough fight. This Administration is committed to a balanced budget -- and Phil Gramm understands how to balance a budget.

He's fought budget-busting irresponsibility by creating landmark budget-balancing legislation -- the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation. By helping us fend off tax increases. And by encouraging the kind of incentives that continue to create an average of over 200,000 new jobs a month -- every month -- for the last 84 months of this record-breaking peacetime economic expansion. Phil Gramm understands prosperity. He creates it -- every day he's working in the U.S. Senate.

The Senate needs Phil Gramm -- because as you know, this man is very smart. Last Spring, when I was flying with Phil on Air Force One -- on my way to giving the Aggie commencement address -- he offered to trade his A & M tie for my ordinary striped one.

I thought that was a pretty shrewd trade on my part. Until later, when I found out Phil went off to the Tarrant County Republican Women's Club -- and auctioned off my tie. For a thousand dollars. With that kind of savvy in Washington, there's no doubt we'll balance the budget.

Just the other night, I was reading a Christmas story to a couple of grandkids -- and when they asked me who the Three Wise Men were, I said "Gramm, Rudman, and Hollings."))

Thanks to that landmark legislation, in three of the last four years, government has actually gotten **smaller** compared to the private sector of the economy -- and the deficit has been cut

roughly in half. The discipline that this legislation imposes on Congress is absolutely crucial to our long term efforts to balance the federal budget deficit. ((I hear they're planning to invite Charlton Heston to Washington, to see if he can part the red ink. \\ But I know that Washington will never find a stronger advocate for a balanced budget, than the Senator from Texas.))

You know, there's a story that Phil's half-brother tells, that when Phil was a tyke, he started a neighborhood army of half a dozen kids. One day, the smallest of the group ran crying to Mrs. Gramm. The other boys were Corporals or Captains, and they were working this young Private pretty hard.

Well, Phil's mother called in Colonel Gramm and told him to fix the situation immediately. Phil said, "Yes, Ma'am," turned around, promoted the Private to 2nd Lieutenant, and promoted himself to Major General. \\

Like I said -- Phil's a smart man. A man who understands power and how to use it -- to improve education and the environment, to win the fight against drugs, and to balance the budget. But even more important, Phil Gramm knows how to empower other Americans. **All Americans.**

"The largest beneficiary of a program for economic freedom," he said recently, "is not the person who already has a piece of the pie, but the person who wants the opportunity to get one."

I need -- Texas **demands** -- and **America deserves** Phil Gramm's bold, courageous leadership, to make the right things happen on

Capitol Hill. He's a Senator who knows what it means to serve his constituents, and his country -- and every day he's in the Senate, he serves them ably, compassionately, and well.

Thank you. God bless you. And God bless the great state of Texas.

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