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((You know, it was in the theater just next door that I saw a "Tuna Christmas."\\ And you know me, I've always been a sucker for a fish story.))\\ But it is great to be in **this** theater tonight among so many good friends.

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And I remember -- oh, how I remember, you were there for me when
I was running for President, running at 17 points down. \\ \\ So I
am here tonight, most of all, to thank you.

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greater America, a kinder and gentler America -- and that
obstacle is the seemingly endless Democrat majority in the House
and Senate of the United States.

Imagine -- for 34 years the Democrats have controlled the
House of Representatives. I have children who grew to their
middle years, who started families and built careers during these
years. And like millions of Americans, they cannot remember a
time when Republicans could compete for control of the House. So
perhaps that's why the Democrats seem so out of step with the
times; why their first answer to any question is to raise taxes
and spend more money.

Just look at their record ~~last year -- a record of apathy and indifference.~~ The country demands **action** against crime, and yet the Democrats in Congress did **not** move on my proposals for tougher sentences for criminals.

The country demands **action** on cleaner air, on child care, on education -- and yet ~~the Democrats in Congress achieved next to~~ *could not send to me* ~~nothing in these areas.~~ There is only one explanation; *legislators in their areas* for this kind of ~~sluggish complacency.~~ Obviously, after 34 years in power, the Democrat majority in Congress **has lost touch with the American people.**

Of course, there are those in Congress who say we cannot pass these programs without raising revenues. And you know what? They've got a point. And if they will just pass a capital gains tax cut, we will **get** more revenue -- **without raising taxes.**\\\\\\

So what can we do to get action out of the Democrats? ~~We can do one of two things. ((First -- we can tell the Democrats that if they don't act soon on my programs, we're going to ask Chubby Checker here to blast rock music at the Capitol.))~~\\\\\\

~~Second, and perhaps a little more practically,~~ *✓* We can continue our work together as Republican leaders.

As Lee has told you, Republicans won more than 47 percent of the congressional vote in 1988 -- but took only about 40 percent of the seats in the House of Representatives. ~~Some call this gerrymandering. I have a less polite word for it -- I call it~~ ~~stalling.~~ \\\\ *must stop.*

This November will set into motion events that will determine whether the gerrymander will be around for yet another decade. And for that reason, 1990 will be a battle to the finish. To win, we've got to be competitive in every race -- from the state legislature, to the governor's mansion, to federal office. So let us again join together. Let us pool our knowledge and our resources, and make **this the decade we win back the Congress.**\\\

When you started your historic work, less than a third of the American people called themselves Republicans. Today, most Americans say that they trust our party to lead our country. This is a comforting fact, but we've got to be ready to reap the reward of this national goodwill -- **in the only poll that counts -- the poll taken on Election Day, 1990.**\\\

With your help, we'll move this country forward to beat the scourge of drugs and crime; to clean our air and to educate yet another generation of American children.

The eagle is the symbol of America. And it is the appropriate symbol of the men and women who are leaders in the party that leads America. You've always been the strong right arm of this party. And I'm sure you will lead this party -- and this nation -- once again to greatness.

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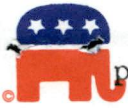
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III. THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH'S PARTICIPATION

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The President and Mrs. Bush will arrive at the Kennedy Center and be greeted by Larry Bathgate and Joan Budd, Henry Kravis and Carolyn Roehm (Mrs. Henry Kravis), and Bobby and Joanie Holt. They will be escorted to the Presidential Box in the Concert Hall by the above mentioned party. Here they will be greeted by the remaining six guests who will be viewing the performance with them from their box. The President and Mrs. Bush will briefly mix and mingle while waiting for the performance to begin at 8pm. When the President and Mrs. Bush arrive at the Presidential Box, the Vice President and Mrs. Quayle will be cued to take their seats in the box adjoining to the right. Fifteen minutes before the conclusion of the performance, the Vice President and Mrs. Quayle will accompany the President and Mrs. Bush to the off-stage announce area. The President and Mrs. Bush, the Vice President and Mrs. Quayle and the leadership of the Republican National Committee will be announced on stage. The President will make remarks and the Gala will conclude.

IV. PRESS

White House Press Pool and selected invited press will cover the event.

V. ATTENDEES

Republican Eagles and their one guest as well as Republican dignitaries have been invited to attend. It is anticipated approximately 800 to 1,000 guests will attend. A list of Cabinet members, Senators and Congressmen who will be attending is attached.



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Lee Atwater
Chairman

BRIEFING REPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT January 26, 1990

EVENT: Republican National Committee
Presidential Inaugural Anniversary Gala

DATE: Monday, January 29, 1990

TIME: 8:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

PLACE: John F. Kennedy Center for the
Performing Arts

ATTIRE: Black Tie

I. PURPOSE

The Presidential Anniversary Inaugural Gala is being held to celebrate the first year of the Bush-Quayle Administration. The Vice President and Mrs. Quayle will be in attendance.

In addition, this will be the kick-off event for the Republican Eagles in 1990. The Gala will raise over eight million dollars for the RNC, an all-time record for a single fund-raising event.

The Gala itself will be a performance by leading entertainers from the American music industry. The entertainers scheduled to perform are B.B. King, Roberta Flack, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Tony Bennett, Yakov Smirnoff, Chubby Checker, Randy Travis, Harry Connick, Jr. and Mary Hart.

II. BACKGROUND

As you know, Republican Eagles are donors who contribute \$15,000 annually to the National Republican Party. This specific event is being chaired by Henry Kravis of New York. Larry Bathgate serves as chairman of the Republican National Finance Committee. Bobby Holt serves as National Chairman of the Republican Eagles.

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((And I was delighted by
B.B. King tonight. (B.B. has
two sidekicks. One is Lucille, his
trusty guitar. The other is Lee
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Tower Records: 331-2400

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AND WE'VE GOT EVEN MORE TO CELEBRATE TONIGHT. AFTER ALL, THIS IS ALSO A FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR OUR ADMINISTRATION. AND MAKE NO MISTAKE -- FOR REPUBLICANS AND ALL AMERICANS -- IT WAS A BANNER YEAR.\\

JUST LOOK BACK AT 1989. WE HELD A DOMESTIC EDUCATION SUMMIT BETWEEN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF THE STATES AND MYSELF -- THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN OUR HISTORY -- TO DISCUSS SWEEPING REFORMS OF OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

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LAST YEAR, WE ALSO STARTED TO MOVE FORWARD ON FIGHTING CRIME. CONGRESS -- TO ITS CREDIT -- ACTED ON PART OF MY ANTI-CRIME PACKAGE, PROVIDING MORE FUNDS TO BACK UP THE FORCES OF THE LAW.

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THIS YEAR, WE MUST FINISH THE JOB BY TOUGHENING THE LAWS WE ENFORCE.\\\ I COULD TELL YOU MORE ABOUT OTHER ISSUES -- CLEAN AIR OR CHILD CARE -- BUT THE STORY IS THE SAME.

AND THAT STORY IS THIS: LAST YEAR, WE GOT THE BALL ROLLING. WE GOT THE BALL ROLLING ON WAYS WE CAN MAKE AMERICA CLEANER, LEANER AND MORE COMPETITIVE.

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NOW I WILL AGAIN ASK THE DEMOCRATS ON CAPITOL HILL TO WORK WITH US IN A BIPARTISAN MANNER -- TO FIGHT THE SCOURGE OF DRUGS AND CRIME; TO CLEAN OUR AIR AND TO EDUCATE YET ANOTHER GENERATION OF AMERICAN CHILDREN.

SO THE FIRST YEAR WAS JUST A START. WE MUST ACHIEVE MORE IN THE YEARS TO COME. SO LET US AGAIN JOIN TOGETHER. LET US POOL OUR KNOWLEDGE AND OUR RESOURCES, AND WORK TO MAKE THE MOST OF AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY.

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LET'S MAKE THE ERA OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY THAT MADE THE EIGHTIES SO SPECIAL THE NEWS OF THE NINETIES AS WELL.

WE CAN ALSO MAKE THE MOST OF AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY AS REPUBLICANS.

WHEN THE EAGLES FIRST CAME TOGETHER, LESS THAN A THIRD OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CALLED THEMSELVES REPUBLICANS. TODAY, MOST AMERICANS SAY THAT THEY TRUST OUR PARTY TO LEAD OUR COUNTRY.

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THIS IS A COMFORTING FACT, BUT WE'VE GOT TO BE READY TO REAP THE REWARD OF THIS NATIONAL GOODWILL -- IN THE ONLY POLL THAT COUNTS -- THE POLL TAKEN ON ELECTION DAY, 1990.\\\

IN THIS EFFORT, YOU'VE CERTAINLY GOT QUITE A TEAM TO WORK WITH IN WASHINGTON. AS SOMEONE WHO ONCE WORKED IN THAT FOURTH FLOOR CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE AT THE RNC, I APPRECIATE THE JOB LEE ATWATER IS DOING.

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JEANIE AUSTIN IS BRINGING HER OWN SPECIAL BRAND OF FLORIDA KNOW-HOW TO THE COMMITTEE. AND WHEN I CONSIDER THAT THE EAGLES ARE A PART OF THIS STRONG TEAM, THEN I KNOW THERE IS NOTHING THIS PARTY CANNOT DO.

THE EAGLE IS, AFTER ALL, THE SYMBOL OF AMERICA. AND IT IS THE APPROPRIATE SYMBOL OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE LEADERS IN THE PARTY THAT LEADS AMERICA. YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE STRONG RIGHT ARM OF THIS PARTY.



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AND I'M SURE YOU WILL HELP LEAD THIS PARTY -- AND THIS
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Just look back at 1989. We held a domestic education summit between the chief executives of the states and myself -- the first of its kind in our history -- to discuss sweeping reforms of our educational system. We did not come together to draft yet another white paper on education. No, at Charlottesville, we began a new social compact between president and principal, governors and teachers, parents and students, to save our schools.\\

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Last year, we also started to move forward on fighting crime. Congress -- to its credit -- acted on part of my anti-crime package, providing more funds to back up the forces of the law. This year, we must finish the job by toughening the laws we enforce.\\\ I could tell you more about other issues -- clean air or child care -- but the story is the same.

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We got the ball rolling on ways we can make America cleaner, leaner and more competitive. ^{I will again ask} Now ~~we need~~ the Democrats on Capitol Hill to work with us ^{in a bipartisan name} ~~for the good of the country~~ -- to fight the scourge of drugs and crime; to clean our air and to educate yet another generation of American children. ~~(and you should hold the line on taxes)~~

So the first year was just a start. We ~~are going to~~ ^{must} achieve ~~even more~~ in the years to come. So let us again join together.

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~~And if they do,~~ ^{Let's make} then the era of peace and prosperity that made the eighties so special ~~will be~~ the news of the nineties ^{as well.}

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