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THE WHITE HOUSE

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN ADDRESS TO THE MEETING
OF CONSERVATIVE LEADERS

Room 450
Old Executive Office Building

1:35 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Please be seated. Did I interrupt Porter? And if so -- well, to Roger, my thanks if I did and may I say hello to Doug Weed, and of course, the people that herded this outstanding group together, Jerry Falwell, Ed Prince, Mike Valerio.

But in any event, I'm delighted to see you all. With all the traveling that I'm doing, it's a little different for me to be making an appearance so close to the White House. I was just talking to Barbara -- she says, "You spend more time on the road than Charles Kuralt." (Laughter.) This morning, I was talking about this, and I said I'm looking forward this afternoon to going over and spending some time with friends, and indeed with people who were very instrumental in helping me get to be President at perhaps the most fascinating time in history, or among the most fascinating, certainly, I think since World War II.

I'm delighted to be with a group for whom "conservatism" is not a catchword. As the past two decades show, it's a philosophy to which most Americans subscribe. And I think that's still very true across the country. Conservatives believe in Yankee ingenuity. I recall how a mother once told her son, "I have a pretty good idea that you skipped your piano lesson and played baseball." The son said he hadn't, and the mother said, "Are you sure?" And the son said, "Yes, I have a fish to prove it." (Laughter.)

Conservatives also believe in science and technology. The more I know about the Hubble telescope, the more impressed I am. So powerful that it'll help us, I'm told, understand the Black Holes. What I don't understand is why anyone would want to know more about the liberal philosophy.

Conservatives share a vision. I know some reporters say I don't have a vision -- sorry, I don't see it. (Laughter.) (Applause.) Instead, I see a vision -- I really do see a vision as sweeping as our heritage, an America of prosperity, a world of real peace. And the question is, how do we ensure that vision for our generation? As you get a little older, you think even more about the kids.

For an answer, recall how 150 years ago de Tocqueville envisioned a future that would open before us. Its possibilities were infinite, he wrote, because of America's new model, this paradigm of government. A democracy based on a free market unleashing the full energy of the human heart and mind. And that government arose from perhaps the ultimate exercise in returning power to people -- the American Revolution.

Now, two centuries later when old centralized bureaucratic systems are crumbling, the time has come for yet another paradigm. A form of government which, like the spirit of '76, gives power back to localities and states, and most important -- to the people. A model which rejects the view that progress is measured in money spent and bureaucracies built.

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The first principle in our New Paradigm is that as market forces grow stronger, our world becomes smaller. Put another way, we must be competitive to ensure economic growth. So I'd like to take this opportunity to urge the Congress once again -- and I'm going to keep on urging this -- that they pass our capital gains tax cut, spurring investment and thus creating jobs.

We don't want government to spend more, we want private enterprise to thrive so that people will have more money to save, to invest and to spend. To most Americans I feel that's a good idea. As a second principle of our new paradigm, the freedom to choose. We want to reduce what government should do and increase what people can do. And so I support a Constitutional amendment, will continue to support it, restoring voluntary prayer. We need the faith of our fathers back in our schools. (Applause.) I haven't been President very long. But the longer I am in this job, the more strongly I feel about that.

A choice also means that parents should decide which public school is best for their kids. So we have proposed what -- many of you have been helpful to us on this -- the Education Excellence Act of 1990 to provide incentives for these magnet school programs. Many states are trying out policies based on choice, and finding out they work.

In this one, I want to give credit. It isn't just my party, the Republicans, it's some of the Democratic governors are out front, way out front on this particular theory -- choice. Some only think that Big Brother can revive education. But I believe that excellence comes from higher standards, a greater accountability, and more freedom to move within a school system. And if you agree -- I don't want this many influential people to go untapped or arms untwisted -- if you agree with me, I would strongly solicit your help in convincing Congress that the time for this is now.

That leads me to the third principle in the new paradigm -- that means the means to choose. We must empower disadvantaged Americans. So we've unveiled a program to help the poor run, or better yet, own their public housing units. And we support a child care tax credit for low-income working parents that enable them to care for their kids in the manner they choose. I will not see the option of religious-based child care restricted or eliminated. We're going to fight against that. (Applause.)

I know many liberals disagree with what I've just said and the philosophy behind it. But that's why last month the House Democratic leadership passed a bill that would cost nearly \$30 billion, three times our original proposal, and force, compel many states to change their rules. In effect, it would produce national child care standards intended to replace local standards that meet local needs and put in place a lot more unnecessary paperwork.

Conservatives know that we don't need this bureaucracy. It would merely prove what Will Rogers once said: "Half of America does nothing but prepare propaganda for the other half to read." (Laughter.) So let's expand the horizons of our kids, not the budget of the bureaucracy, and through tax incentives give families the help that they need to solve their child care problems themselves.

Next comes the fourth principle of this new paradigm -- decentralization. In America, this means dispersing authority to the level closest to the source of authority. The people -- places such as Peru, for example -- Hernando de Soto, the brilliant Peruvian economist -- found that without any centralized bureaucratic direction, the ordinary streetside entrepreneurs of Lima are producing wealth on a scale that rivals the economy officially approved by the state bureaucracy. Elsewhere in the world, decentralization has come about through nothing less than the triumph of democracy over bureaucracy.

Conservatives know that a strong defense has, and will continue, to help all people secure the right to think and dream and

worship as they please. In Lithuania -- as in Czechoslovakia and Nicaragua, Budapest, Berlin -- the words of Thomas Dewey ring true -- you can't beat down ideas with a club. Today, freedom is on the march and will not be denied.

The fifth and final principle of the new paradigm is what I referred to earlier. We want what works. Our principles, conservative principles, were always right. And now, the whole world can see that what's right is also what works. As I've said many times before, and I don't say it with arrogance, we know what works. Freedom works. We are not going to let discredited ideologies block the progress of our principles.

You can ask anyone in Poland or Panama -- tyranny doesn't work. Freedom does. At home, we also want what works. So we've reached agreement with the Senate in the first rewrite of the Clean Air Act in over a decade. I call on the House to respond soon and respond responsibly.

This one is difficult, because I think we are all committed to leaving the Earth a little better than we found it, and yet we've got to do it in a balanced way -- forward-looking, forward-leaning. But I will not accept legislation that needlessly throws a lot of Americans out of work because of lack of scientific data. I'm going to hold that line, and I would appeal for your help in urging the Congress to keep reality in mind as we go about getting ourselves out front on the cutting edge of environmental protection. I'm determined to be both a person who protects the environment and one who protects the rights of Americans to have jobs. It isn't easy, but I'm convinced that it can be done.

We've unveiled a comprehensive strategy to free America of crime and drugs. A lot of people in this room have given our planners and Roger and his able team -- because of respects, you've worked very closely with Bill Bennett -- to help us with this comprehensive strategy to free America of crime and drugs.

We're asking Congress to expand the death penalty for drug kingpins. We need to toughen the crime laws at the state level, just as we are in Washington. My vision for the '90s is an America where punishment is at least as tough as the crime.

Just yesterday, we sent up to the Congress a three-part budget reform package that proposes an amendment to the Constitution -- and I campaigned on this, so there's no surprise -- to provide a line-item veto. We endorsed the Legislative Line-Item Veto Act to strengthen the President's rescission authority and endorses a balanced budget amendment.

The time has come to enact into law these important changes. I sent up to the Congress a special piece of legislation to help Nicaragua and to help Panama. I think we have a real commitment to seeing the success of these fragile new democracies. Before it leaves the House of Representatives, billions -- literally billions, plural -- of spending is added to this very special legislation. I think I need the authority to make the tough decision on spending. Nobody likes to have to say no to constituents or to interests around the country. But if the Congress continues to demonstrate that they can't do it, only the President can.

So I'd love to have your support on this package of the line-item veto -- the Legislative Line-Item Veto that will strengthen the President's rescission authority, and then, of course, our commitment to this balanced budget concept. This, I believe -- this vision, if you will, is one that I think most conservatives support. It's a vision of limited government, but unlimited opportunity -- a vision to protect the family, empower the poor, and reward creativity.

I like bass fishing. There's a young bass fisherman who is a national champion -- a guy named Ricky Clune. Texans will know his name. He's from Montgomery, Texas. One time I was down in

Arkansas and saw him win -- or, at the weigh-in -- they did it -- 4,000 or 5,000 people, as these bass boats were driven into the coliseum there. I couldn't believe this -- 4,000 or 5,000 watching people weigh fish there in the middle -- but Ricky Clune, when he got up to speak, said this: "I learned to fish following my dad down the creeks in my underpants," he said, "down the creeks of Oklahoma." And then he said this: "Isn't it great to live in a country with no limits?"

I've thought about that a great deal. What we're talking about here in this conservative philosophy is unlimited opportunity -- a vision to protect the family, empower the poor, and reward creativity. This New Paradigm can fulfill it. I really would ask for your support -- to achieve promise, not empty promises -- lifting people up, helping keep the government bureaucracies at all levels under control and, as conservatives, reject the hand of big government in favor of A Thousand Points of Light, joining hands and linking hearts.

You know, when we started talking about A Thousand Points of Light, there was a few snickers out there. I had to keep defining what I meant. But I think people understand this. I think Americans -- well, since de Tocqueville took a look at America -- understand it. It's real -- one American wanting to help another.

So I am going to continue to say that any definition of a successful life must be the involvement in the lives of others -- one American helping another. That, I think, is a fundamental part of my concept of how we can do an awful lot more to help people who are desperately in need of help in our country.

So this is my vision -- yours, I think. What a dream -- to enrich America and help us to continue to lead, help us to enrich the world. I am really pleased you were here. Thanks for the privilege of addressing you. And might I say, God bless the United States of America. Thank you all very much. (Applause.) Thank you.

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**CONSERVATIVES / ROOM 450
THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1990 / 1:30 P.M.**

HONORED GUESTS, JERRY FALWELL, ED PRINCE AND MIKE VALERIO. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. ((WITH ALL THE TRAVELING I DO, IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT FOR ME TO BE MAKING AN APPEARANCE SO CLOSE TO THE WEST WING. BARBARA SAYS I SPEND MORE TIME ON THE ROAD THAN CHARLES KURALT.)) //

THIS MORNING, I'M GLAD TO SPEND TIME WITH FRIENDS. FOR "CONSERVATIVISM" IS NOT A CATCHWORD.

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AS THE PAST TWO DECADES SHOW, IT IS A PHILOSOPHY TO WHICH MOST AMERICANS SUBSCRIBE.

FOR INSTANCE, CONSERVATIVES BELIEVE IN YANKEE INGENUITY. ((I RECALL HOW A MOTHER ONCE TOLD HER SON, "I HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA THAT YOU SKIPPED YOUR PIANO LESSON AND PLAYED BASEBALL." // THE SON SAID HE HADN'T. THE MOTHER SAID, "ARE YOU SURE?" // THE SON REPLIED, "UH-UH. AND I HAVE A FISH TO PROVE IT.") //

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CONSERVATIVES ALSO BELIEVE IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. ((THE MORE I KNOW ABOUT THE HUBBLE TELESCOPE, THE MORE IMPRESSED I AM. IT'S SO POWERFUL IT WILL HELP US UNDERSTAND BLACK HOLES. // WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY ANYONE WOULD WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT LIBERAL PHILOSOPHY.)) //

FINALLY, CONSERVATIVES SHARE A VISION. ((I KNOW: SOME REPORTERS SAY I DON'T HAVE ONE. SORRY, I DON'T SEE IT.)) //

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INSTEAD, I SEE A VISION AS SWEEPING AS OUR HERITAGE -- AN AMERICA OF PROSPERITY; A WORLD OF REAL PEACE. THE QUESTION IS: HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT VISION FOR OUR GENERATION AND OUR KIDS?

FOR AN ANSWER, RECALL HOW, 150 YEARS AGO, THE FRENCH STATESMAN TOCQUEVILLE ENVISIONED A FUTURE THAT WOULD "OPEN BEFORE [US]." //

ITS POSSIBILITIES WERE INFINITE, HE WROTE, BECAUSE OF AMERICA'S NEW MODEL -- ITS NEW PARADIGM [PARA-DIME] -- OF GOVERNMENT: A DEMOCRACY BASED ON A FREE MARKET SYSTEM UNLEASHING THE FULL ENERGY OF THE HUMAN HEART AND MIND. //

THAT GOVERNMENT AROSE FROM PERHAPS THE ULTIMATE EXERCISE IN RETURNING POWER TO THE PEOPLE. THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. //

NOW, TWO CENTURIES LATER, WHEN OLD CENTRALIZED BUREAUCRATIC SYSTEMS ARE CRUMBLING, THE TIME HAS COME FOR ANOTHER NEW PARADIGM. // A FORM OF GOVERNMENT WHICH -- LIKE THE SPIRIT OF '76 -- GIVES POWER BACK TO LOCALITIES, AND STATES, AND MOST IMPORTANT, TO THE PEOPLE. A MODEL WHICH REJECTS THE VIEW THAT PROGRESS IS MEASURED IN MONEY SPENT AND BUREAUCRACIES BUILT. //

THE FIRST PRINCIPLE OF OUR NEW PARADIGM IS THAT AS MARKET FORCES GROW STRONGER, OUR WORLD BECOMES SMALLER.

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PUT ANOTHER WAY, WE MUST BE COMPETITIVE TO ENSURE ECONOMIC GROWTH. // SO I AGAIN URGE CONGRESS TO PASS OUR CAPITAL GAINS TAX CUT -- SPURRING INVESTMENTS AND, THUS, JOBS. WE DON'T WANT GOVERNMENT TO SPEND MORE. WE WANT PRIVATE ENTERPRISE TO THRIVE SO THAT PEOPLE WILL HAVE MORE MONEY TO SAVE, INVEST, AND SPEND. //

TO MOST AMERICANS, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. AS IS THE SECOND PRINCIPLE OF OUR NEW PARADIGM: THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE.

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WE WANT TO REDUCE WHAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD DO AND INCREASE WHAT PEOPLE CAN DO. // SO I SUPPORT A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RESTORING VOLUNTARY PRAYER. // WE NEED THE FAITH OF OUR FATHERS BACK IN OUR SCHOOLS.

CHOICE ALSO MEANS THAT PARENTS SHOULD DECIDE WHICH PUBLIC SCHOOL IS BEST FOR THEIR KIDS. SO WE PROPOSED OUR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE ACT OF 1990 TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR MAGNET SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

MANY STATES ARE TRYING OUT POLICIES BASED ON CHOICE AND FINDING OUT THEY WORK. // BUT SOME THINK ONLY BIG BROTHER CAN REVIVE EDUCATION. I BELIEVE EXCELLENCE COMES FROM HIGHER STANDARDS, GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY, AND MORE FREEDOM TO MOVE WITHIN A SCHOOL SYSTEM. // IF YOU AGREE, HELP ME CONVINCING THE HOUSE TO PASS THIS BILL. //

THAT LEADS TO THE THIRD PRINCIPLE OF THE NEW PARADIGM: THE MEANS TO CHOOSE.

WE MUST EMPOWER DISADVANTAGED AMERICANS. SO WE HAVE UNVEILED A PROGRAM TO HELP THE POOR RUN OR -- BETTER YET -- OWN THEIR PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS. AND WE SUPPORT A CHILD-CARE TAX CREDIT FOR LOW-INCOME WORKING PARENTS THAT ENABLES THEM TO CARE FOR THEIR KIDS IN THE MANNER THEY CHOOSE. AND I WILL NOT SEE THE OPTION OF RELIGIOUS-BASED CHILD CARE RESTRICTED OR ELIMINATED. //

NOW, I KNOW MANY LIBERALS DISAGREE.

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THAT'S WHY LAST MONTH THE HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP PASSED A BILL THAT WOULD COST NEARLY \$30 BILLION -- THREE TIMES OUR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL -- AND FORCE MANY STATES TO CHANGE THEIR RULES. // IN EFFECT, IT WOULD PRODUCE NATIONAL CHILD CARE STANDARDS, INTENDED TO REPLACE LOCAL STANDARDS THAT MEET LOCAL NEEDS. AND PUT IN PLACE MORE UNNECESSARY PAPERWORK.

CONSERVATIVES KNOW THAT WE DON'T NEED THIS NEW BUREAUCRACY.

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IT WOULD MERELY PROVE WHAT WILL ROGERS SAID: "HALF OF AMERICA DOES NOTHING BUT PREPARE PROPAGANDA FOR THE OTHER HALF TO READ." // SO LET'S EXPAND THE HORIZONS OF OUR KIDS -- NOT THE BUDGET OF OUR BUREAUCRACY. AND THROUGH TAX INCENTIVES, GIVE FAMILIES THE HELP THEY NEED TO SOLVE THEIR CHILD-CARE PROBLEMS THEMSELVES. //

NEXT COMES THE FOURTH PRINCIPLE OF OUR NEW PARADIGM: DECENTRALIZATION. //

IN AMERICA, THIS MEANS DISPERSING AUTHORITY TO THE LEVEL CLOSEST TO THE SOURCE OF AUTHORITY: THE PEOPLE. IN PLACES SUCH AS PERU, FOR EXAMPLE, HERNANDO DE SOTO, THE BRILLIANT PERUVIAN ECONOMIST, FOUND THAT WITHOUT ANY CENTRALIZED BUREAUCRATIC DIRECTION, THE ORDINARY STREETSIDE ENTREPRENEURS OF LIMA ARE PRODUCING WEALTH ON A SCALE THAT RIVALS THE ECONOMY OFFICIALLY-APPROVED BY THE STATE BUREAUCRACY.

AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, DECENTRALIZATION HAS COME ABOUT THROUGH NOTHING LESS THAN THE TRIUMPH OF DEMOCRACY OVER BUREAUCRACY.

CONSERVATIVES KNOW THAT A STRONG DEFENSE HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO HELP ALL PEOPLES SECURE THE RIGHT TO THINK, DREAM, AND WORSHIP AS THEY PLEASE. IN LITHUANIA -- AS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND NICARAGUA, BUDAPEST AND BERLIN -- THE WORDS OF THOMAS E. DEWEY RING TRUE: YOU CAN'T "BEAT DOWN IDEAS WITH A CLUB." //

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TODAY, FREEDOM IS ON THE MARCH -- AND WILL NOT BE DENIED. //

THE FIFTH AND FINAL PRINCIPLE OF THE NEW PARADIGM IS WHAT I REFERRED TO EARLIER: WE WANT WHAT WORKS. OUR PRINCIPLES, CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLES, WERE ALWAYS RIGHT. NOW THE WHOLE WORLD CAN SEE THAT WHAT'S RIGHT IS ALSO WHAT WORKS. AS I HAVE SAID MANY TIMES BEFORE: WE KNOW WHAT WORKS.

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FREEDOM WORKS. AND WE ARE NOT GOING TO LET DISCREDITED IDEOLOGIES BLOCK THE PROGRESS OF OUR PRINCIPLES.

ASK ANYONE IN PANAMA OR POLAND: TYRANNY DOESN'T WORK. FREEDOM DOES. // AT HOME, WE ALSO WANT WHAT WORKS. SO WE HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE SENATE LEADERSHIP ON THE FIRST REWRITE OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT IN OVER A DECADE. I CALL ON THE HOUSE TO RESPOND SOON, AND RESPONSIBLY. //

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AND WE HAVE UNVEILED A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO FREE AMERICA OF CRIME AND DRUGS. WE'RE ASKING CONGRESS TO EXPAND THE DEATH PENALTY FOR DRUG KINGPINS. AND WE NEED TO TOUGHEN CRIME LAWS AT THE STATE LEVEL -- JUST AS WE ARE IN WASHINGTON. // MY VISION FOR THE 1990s IS AN AMERICA WHERE THE PUNISHMENT IS AT LEAST AS TOUGH AS THE CRIME.

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AND JUST YESTERDAY I SENT TO CONGRESS A THREE-PART BUDGET REFORM PACKAGE THAT: PROPOSES AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE A LINE-ITEM VETO; ENDORSES THE LEGISLATIVE LINE-ITEM VETO ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE PRESIDENT'S RECISSION AUTHORITY; AND ENDORSES A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT. THE TIME HAS COME TO ENACT INTO LAW THESE IMPORTANT CHANGES.

OUR VISION, I THINK, IS ONE MOST CONSERVATIVES SUPPORT.

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IT IS A VISION OF LIMITED GOVERNMENT -- AND UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITY. A VISION TO PROTECT THE FAMILY, EMPOWER THE POOR, AND REWARD CREATIVITY.

THE NEW PARADIGM CAN FULFILL IT, AND I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. TO ACHIEVE PROMISE, NOT MAKE EMPTY PROMISES. LIFTING PEOPLE UP -- AND KEEPING BUREAUCRACIES DOWN. // AS CONSERVATIVES, WE REJECT THE HAND OF BIG GOVERNMENT IN FAVOR OF A THOUSAND POINTS OF LIGHT, JOINING HANDS AND LINKING HEARTS.

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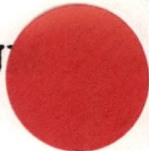
WHAT A DREAM TO ENRICH AMERICA -- AND HELP AMERICA ENRICH THE WORLD. //

THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF ADDRESSING YOU.
AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Room 122, ext. 2930, no later than 3:00 PM, TODAY, APRIL 24, 1990, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

TO: CHRISS WINSTON

April 24, 1990

NSC concurs with the Presidential remarks for Conservatives with suggested changes, as marked.

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For instance, conservatives believe in Yankee ingenuity. ((Consider the compromise I've come up with between environmental spending and spending on defense. We're going to plant a million trees in Europe and disguise them to look like U.S. troops.)) //

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Dewey ring true: You can't "beat down ideas with a club." //

Today, freedom is ^{on the march -- and can't be stopped for long.} ~~in the driver's seat. The only question is not~~
~~if it starts to move -- but when.~~ //

The fifth and final principle of the New Paradigm is what I referred to earlier: We want what works. Ask anyone in Panama or Poland: Tyranny ^{Statism doesn't work.} doesn't work. Freedom does. // At home, we also want what works. So we have reached agreement with the Senate leadership on the first rewrite of the Clean Air Act in over a decade. I call on the House to respond soon, and responsibly. // And we have unveiled a comprehensive strategy to free America of crime and drugs. We're asking Congress to expand the death penalty for drug kingpins. And we need to toughen crime laws at the State level -- just as we are in Washington. // My vision for the 1990s is an America where the punishment is at least as tough as the crime.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Conservatives

The remarks are well written. The New Paradigm rhetoric effectively integrates many of the policy approaches we are advocating.

The freedom and means to choose, the power of market based economic arrangements and the collapse of centralized bureaucratic decision-making are themes we emphasize often and appropriately so. We have no suggestions from a policy standpoint and approve of the draft in its current form.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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Deputy Assistant to the President for
Communications

FROM: BRENT O. HATCH *BOH*
Associate Counsel to the President

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Conservatives

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *lw*
FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*
SUBJECT: OUTSIDE THE BELTWAY CONSERVATIVES

I. SUMMARY:

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II. DISCUSSION:

The enclosed remarks focus on the Administration's commitment to a new model of government -- the New Paradigm -- which returns power to the people. Specifically, the text focuses on such issues as capital gains, child care, the Clean Air Act, voluntary prayer, and crime and drugs.

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This morning, I'm glad to spend time with friends. For "conservativism" is not a catchword. As the past two decades show, it is a philosophy to which most Americans subscribe.

For instance, conservatives believe in Yankee ingenuity. ((I recall how a mother once told her son, "I have a pretty good idea that you skipped your piano lesson and played baseball." // The son said he hadn't. The mother said, "Are you sure?" // The son replied, "Uh-uh. And I have a fish to prove it.") //

Conservatives also believe in science and technology. ((The more I know about the Hubble Telescope, the more impressed I am. It's so powerful it will help us understand black holes. // What I don't understand is why anyone would want to know more about liberal philosophy.)) //

Finally, conservatives share a vision. ((I know: Some reporters say I don't have one. Sorry, I don't see it.)) // Instead, I see a vision as sweeping as our heritage -- an America

of prosperity; a world of real peace. The question is: How do we ensure that vision for our generation and our kids?

For an answer, recall how, 150 years ago, the French statesman de Tocqueville envisioned a future that would "open before [us]." // Its possibilities were infinite, he wrote, because of America's new model -- its New Paradigm -- of PARA-Dime government: a democracy based on a free market system unleashing the full energy of the human heart and mind. //

That government arose from perhaps the ultimate exercise in returning power to the people. The American Revolution. // Now, two centuries later, when old centralized bureaucratic systems are crumbling, the time has come for another New Paradigm. // A form of government which -- like the Spirit of '76 -- gives power back to localities, and States, and most important, to the people. A model which rejects the view that progress is measured in money spent and bureaucracies built. //

The first principle of our New Paradigm is that as market forces grow stronger, our world becomes smaller. Put another way, we must be competitive to ensure economic growth. // So I again urge Congress to pass our capital gains tax cut -- spurring investments and, thus, jobs. We don't want government to spend more. We want private enterprise to thrive so that people will have more money to save, invest, and spend. //

To most Americans, that's a good idea. As is the second principle of our New Paradigm: The freedom to choose. We want to reduce what government should do and increase what people can do.

// So I support a Constitutional Amendment restoring voluntary prayer. // We need the faith of our Fathers back in our schools.

Choice also means that parents should decide which public school is best for their kids. So we proposed our Educational Excellence Act of 1990 to provide incentives for magnet school programs. Many states are trying out policies based on choice and finding out they work. // But some think only Big Brother can revive education. I believe excellence comes from higher standards, greater accountability, and more freedom to move within a school system. // If you agree, help me convince the House to pass this bill. //

That leads to the third principle of the New Paradigm: The means to choose. We must empower disadvantaged Americans. So we have unveiled a program to help the poor run or -- better yet -- own their public housing units. And we support a child-care tax credit for low-income working parents that enables them to care for their kids in the manner they choose. And I will not see the option of religious-based child care restricted or eliminated. //

Now, I know many liberals disagree. That's why last month the House Democratic leadership passed a bill that would cost nearly \$30 billion -- three times our original proposal -- and force many States to change their rules. // In effect, it would produce national child care standards, intended to replace local standards that meet local needs. And put in place more unnecessary paperwork.

Conservatives know that we don't need this new bureaucracy. It would merely prove what Will Rogers said: "Half of America does nothing but prepare propaganda for the other half to read." // So let's expand the horizons of our kids -- not the budget of our bureaucracy. And through tax incentives, give families the help they need to solve their child-care problems themselves. //

Next comes the fourth principle of our New Paradigm: Decentralization. // In America, this means dispersing authority to the level closest to the source of authority: the people. In places such as Peru, for example, Hernando de Soto, the brilliant Peruvian economist, found that without any centralized bureaucratic direction, the ordinary streetside entrepreneurs of Lima are producing wealth on a scale that rivals the economy officially-approved by the state bureaucracy. And elsewhere in the world, decentralization has come about through nothing less than the triumph of democracy over bureaucracy.

Conservatives know that a strong defense has and will continue to help all peoples secure the right to think, dream, and worship as they please. In Lithuania -- as in Czechoslovakia and Nicaragua, Budapest and Berlin -- the words of Thomas E. Dewey ring true: You can't "beat down ideas with a club." // Today, freedom is in the driver's seat. The question is not will it start to move -- but when. //

The fifth and final principle of the New Paradigm is what I referred to earlier: We want what works. Our principles, conservative principles, were always right. Now the whole world

can see that what's right is also what works. As I have said many times before: We know what works. Freedom works. And we are not going to let discredited ideologies block the progress of our principles.

Ask anyone in Panama or Poland: Tyranny doesn't work. Freedom does. // At home, we also want what works. So we have reached agreement with the Senate leadership on the first rewrite of the Clean Air Act in over a decade. I call on the House to respond soon, and responsibly. // And we have unveiled a comprehensive strategy to free America of crime and drugs. We're asking Congress to expand the death penalty for drug kingpins. And we need to toughen crime laws at the state level -- just as we are in Washington. // My vision for the 1990s is an America where the punishment is at least as tough as the crime.

And just yesterday I sent to Congress a three-part budget reform package that: proposes an amendment to the constitution to provide a Line-Item Veto; endorses the Legislative Line-Item Veto Act to strengthen the President's recission authority; and endorses a balanced budget amendment. The time has come to enact into law these important changes.

Our vision, I think, is one most conservatives support. It is a vision of limited government -- and unlimited opportunity. A vision to protect the family, empower the poor, and reward creativity.

The New Paradigm can fulfill it, and I ask for your support. To achieve promise, not make empty promises. Lifting people up -

- and keeping bureaucracies down. // As conservatives, we reject the hand of Big Government in favor of a thousand points of light, joining hands and linking hearts. What a dream to enrich America -- and help America enrich the world. //

Thank you for the privilege of addressing you. And God bless the United States of America.

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