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September 24, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON
FROM: MARK DAVIS **MD**
SUBJECT: VOINOVICH FOR GOVERNOR

1) Some Changes
2) Need to wait
for latest word
on budget.

On Wednesday, September 26, at 11:55 a.m., you will address 500 attendees at a fundraising luncheon for George Voinovich for Governor of Ohio. The event will take place in Akron at the Tangiers Restaurant. Your remarks, approximately 12-14 minutes, will be on cards.

Davis/Blymire
Title: Akron
Date: September 21, 1990
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GEORGE VOINOVICH, AKRON
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Congress should follow Members like Mike DeWine, who says it is simply "outrageous that important government services and the livelihood of thousands of federal employees be jeopardized

because Congress cannot do its job and produce a budget with the necessary reductions."

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RESPONSE:

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Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

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No comment

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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September 24, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON
FROM: MARK DAVIS **MD**
SUBJECT: VOINOVICH FOR GOVERNOR

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These are also the heartfelt goals of Congressman Mike DeWine a leader in shaping the nation's anti-drug laws. Mike, we'll miss your advice and support in Washington. You've worked hard. Not only have you distinguished yourself as a fighter against illegal drugs and crime, but you've earned recognition from Watchdogs of the Treasury and the National Taxpayers Union as a fighter for fiscal responsibility. These achievements and his outstanding record of service to the people of Ohio at the county, state, and national level make Mike Dewine the right choice for Lieutenant-Governor of Ohio.\\

If I may, I would like to now address two other matters important to the people of Ohio; but also important to America

and the world. This is an extraordinary moment, a moment when our national will is being tested at home and abroad.

As you know, even before the Persian Gulf crisis, America was already more economically vulnerable than we should ever be -- with a projected federal budget deficit of \$232 billion. So I have been telling the Congress that we must address our budget deficit -- not in 1991, not in 1992 -- but now.\\\

We need a budget deficit agreement to help maintain our economic vitality, our competitiveness and our growth in job creation. And our agreement must meet several tests. It must promote growth. It must be fair and credible -- with real spending cuts. And I insist on an agreement that will reform the budget process itself.

Temporary quick-fix solutions to sweep this problem under the rug until after Election Day are not acceptable. Let me tell you what is acceptable: a five-year, \$500 billion plan to keep America strong, competitive and on the path to long-term economic health.\\\

Let me review a little history. On July 26th, our Administration developed a budget plan that promised half the trillion dollars in savings over five years. Right off the bat, I was asked to make a sacrifice -- to allow the other side to put taxes on the table. Not my first choice. Not my second. But it is a choice I had to make to get Congress to act.

To my dismay, 62 days have passed -- and Congress still has offered no comprehensive plan in return.

Now your Congress wants to leave Washington to campaign for re-election without meeting their most fundamental responsibility. This Congressional inaction will lead to the worst possible outcome -- sequestration -- across-the-board cuts of all government programs.

As you know, the law requires this sequester to begin next Monday. We're down to 5 days and counting. Let me give you just three examples of what sequestration means:

*** It will mean cutbacks in air-traffic control and the curtailment of more than 100 air-traffic control towers. This will make flying inconvenient, and increase traveler delays up to 600 percent.

*** Meat and poultry inspection will force the shutdown of meat-processing plants, threatening Ohio jobs.

*** In your city, needy students will not be able to attend Akron University because their Pell Grants will be cut.

Of course, I don't mean to paint too grim a picture. Not everyone will have to accept such a cut. Rest assured, while most executive agencies, from the White House on down, will furlough employees and cut programs across the board -- one branch of government will have broad discretion in how it cuts its funds: you guessed it -- the Congress.\\\

Congress should follow Members like Mike DeWine, who says it is simply "outrageous that important government services and the livelihood of thousands of federal employees be jeopardized

because Congress cannot do its job and produce a budget with the necessary reductions."

Of course, it doesn't have to be that way. We still have a few days to act. Congress can reform its bizarre budgeting process. We can still fix the federal budget mess, and the federal-budget process mess -- once and for all.\\\ And we can do it sooner rather than later.\\\ The leaders of Congress should listen to Members like Mike and let the House have a straight up-and-down vote on our budget plan in the next few days.

Needless to say, this test of our domestic will is occurring at the same time America's will is being tested abroad. Emotions in the budget debate are running high. But no matter how heated the exchange of words may be over the budget, I deeply appreciate the bipartisan support shown for America's response to Iraqi aggression. This is one issue that ends at the water's edge.\\\

I am often asked when we can bring our people home. I can only say: As soon as possible -- when the job is done.

Certain objectives must be met. Iraq must withdraw from Kuwait, without condition. Kuwait's legitimate government must be restored. The security and stability of the Persian Gulf must be assured. And American citizens abroad must be protected.\\\

But we have another, final objective -- to create a new partnership of nations. A new world order -- freer from the threat of terror, stronger in the pursuit of justice, more secure in the quest for peace.

These are our objectives, those of the United Nations Security Council and our allies. West Germany has pledged to support the mission with almost \$2 billion, and provide transport ships and planes, while Japan has pledged a package worth \$4 billion. France has added another 4,000 troops. And Great Britain has sent 120 tanks, 6,000 troops, the famous Desert Rats. It is truly Iraq against the world.\\\

The world is simply telling Saddam Hussein: We will not give in to intimidation.\\\

Americans are showing their determination right here in Ohio. You need look no further than Ashland University, to the father of a Marine stationed in the Gulf region, Professor Charles Brereton ((BRAY-er-ton)). Dr. Brereton published, in the school newspaper, a list of soldiers in his son Jim's Alpha Company weapons platoon. That one appeal lead to a massive outpouring -- a flood -- of letters, hometown papers and care packages.

This is just one way Ohio is sending a message to Americans stationed in the Middle East. That message is: We are with you all the way.\\\

For those of us at home, we believe that the best way we can serve our country is to debate, campaign, and be the best. Republicans and Democrats we can be. We cannot allow our political life to be held hostage to a foreign crisis.\\\

When Ohioans go to the polls, absentee ballots will be streaming in from Americans in uniform, including those stationed

in the Persian Gulf region. If our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines can find the time to vote under such difficult circumstances; I hope America can count on all Ohioans to vote as well.

And when you do, I hope you, and thousands like you around this great state, will make George Voinovich Governor of Ohio.

Thank you, and may God bless you and the United States of America.

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