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(Simon) Nov. 1, 1990  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 1, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROBERT SIMON 

SUBJECT: REMARKS FOR TYLER, TEXAS CAMPAIGN EVENT

I. SUMMARY

On Monday, November 5, at noon, you will address several hundred Republicans at a Town Square rally in Tyler, Texas for Republican candidates Clayton Williams and Phil Gramm.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks (14 minutes, on cards) repeat campaign themes on the budget, Clean Air, crime, and Iraq's aggression.

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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**OFFICE OF CABINET AFFAIRS STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

Date: 11-2-90

Due by: FYI & not for Distribution

Subject: Presidential Remarks: Texas GOP

From: Holly Williamson

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Comments:

*Remarks as forwarded to the President.*

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 11/01/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TEXAS G.O.P. CANDIDATES, TYLER, TX  
(11/01 draft four)

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi  
Assistant to the President  
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(Simon) Nov. 1, 1990  
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TEXAS G.O.P. CANDIDATES  
TYLER, TEXAS  
NOV. 5, 1990, 12:00 NOON

Thank you, and good afternoon to you all. It's always a pleasure to be back in my home state of Texas. And it's always good to see Gov. Clements, Sen. Phil Gramm, so many other old friends -- and of course -- the next Governor of the State of Texas -- my friend Clayton Williams. \\\

(When Claytie first contacted us about coming to Tyler, he called my son, George, Jr., and said he wanted to do a rally with a popular but aging Texan who's risen to the top of his field. And George said: "Does that mean you're inviting Nolan Ryan?"

I'm glad to be here today -- glad to be out of Washington. (But we're always just a little nervous leaving Millie home alone. Who would have thought my own dog would write a "lick and tell" book?!) \\\

It is great to be back in Texas, back home -- ~~just down the road from~~ <sup>home</sup> where Barbara and I raised our kids and lived much of our lives -- and with our son, George, here to keep an eye on me.

I see many old friends. And we want to congratulate the terrific team that's going to bring victory to Texas tomorrow: Senator Phil Gramm. Clayton Williams -- Texas' next Governor. Rob Mosbacher, Lt. Governor. Kay Bailey Hutchinson, Treasurer. Buster Brown, Attorney General. Warren Harding, Controller. And all the other great Republicans running for Congress and the State House -- the strongest team in the history of the State.\\\

Claytie Williams is an authentic original, Fort Stockton

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born and bred, a strait-shooting Texan who calls them as he sees them. He'll help shape the Texas of tomorrow -- by building on the values of yesterday -- hard work, common sense, strength of character. Claytie -- you've got to win it. \\\

Another leader for the 90's is my friend Phil Gramm. We're grateful for Phil's loyalty, leadership, and ability. And like Clayton Williams, Phil knows what's needed to keep the economy on the road to stability and growth -- in Texas, and across America.

I'm glad to be home today campaigning for this great team, because I think one of the most important things we can do together is to get more Republicans elected in every town, in every state and for every federal seat in this land. Because the Republican party is the party with an agenda -- the party of new ideas. America needs a change. America needs a better deal. America needs a Republican Congress now. \\\

And there is no higher domestic priority on the Republican agenda than America's economy -- the job-creating engine that every family in this country counts on.

In recent months, we've seen some uncertainty and concern about slower economic growth. That's why a budget agreement was crucial -- and why I was willing to go the extra mile to get it.

Despite tough negotiations, we finally reached a budget agreement with the Democrats controlling Congress. There were clear differences between the parties in how to cut the deficit.

The Democrats wanted to raise taxes, including income tax rates for working Americans. I wanted to reduce the deficit with

spending cuts. What we got was a compromise: some taxes -- but almost \$500 billion in deficit reduction in five years. \$350 billion in spending cuts -- the largest in history. Incentives to make America less dependent on foreign oil. \\\

And we put Congress on the "pay-as-you-go" plan. The enforcement provisions in this agreement are real -- they are strong. No longer will programs be funded with red ink.

Finally, we held the line against reckless cuts of our Armed Forces. I guarantee you -- I will not preside over the weakening of this nation's defense. \\\\ Phil Gramm was with me on the front line from day one -- fighting budget-busting irresponsibility -- fighting back against massive tax increases. Texas will never find a stronger advocate for a disciplined, balanced budget. And that's why I need Phil Gramm in Washington. \\\\

But getting our fiscal policy on track is just part of what we have accomplished as the party of change. Let's start with the environment -- our sacred trust. Claytie and Phil grew up under the big sky and limitless horizons of the Lone Star State -- and you can count on them to preserve the western glory of Texas' rich natural heritage.

We're doing our part in Washington. More than a year ago, I challenged the Congress to break the stalemate that has hindered progress on clean air for the past decade -- to turn technology and the power of the marketplace to the advantage of the environment. To create. To innovate. To tip the scales in favor of recovery, restoration, and renewal.

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Today, thanks to the innovation and cooperation of industry, government, and environmental experts. we've broken a 13-year logjam. **Finally -- I have a Clean Air Bill I can sign. ///**

It will reduce smog and acid rain; encourage the use of clean alternative fuels, and reduce our dependence on foreign energy. But more important, it's going to make every man, woman, and child in America breathe a little easier. **Because Republicans care about change, we've got a Clean Air Bill. \\**  
**I think that's something to celebrate. \\**

But of course there is still work to be done on the Republican agenda. **America is fed up with crime. And Republicans like Claytie and Phil know handcuffs belong not on the cops and the courts -- handcuffs belong on the criminals.\\**

Shortly after taking office, I stood before the U.S. Capitol and called on Congress to pass tough new laws to help America "**Take Back the Streets.**" Instead, in the final hours of the Congress, the Democratic liberals choked -- and completely gutted our package to fight back against violent crime.

Republicans fought for habeas corpus reforms -- aimed at stopping convicted criminals from endlessly abusing the appeals process. Republicans fought for reforms of the exclusionary rule -- a judge-made law that lets the guilty go free. **And Republicans fought for a real federal death penalty for drug kingpins and terrorists. The liberal Democrats blocked these provisions -- blocked the will of the American people. We need to be tough on crime and criminals. Republicans want change.**

Republicans fought for tougher sentences for violent criminals using guns or explosives. }

Give me more Republicans -- and we'll get the job done. \\

Republicans truly want to build a better America. To do it, we need more Republicans. Let's keep Phil Gramm in the Senate. And let's put Claytie Williams in the Governor's Office. \\ I need them, Texas needs them, and most of all, America needs them.

Today, we are at a partisan political event but now let me put partisan politics aside -- totally. I know that everyone in this country is vitally interested in the situation in the Middle East, so let me bring you up to date. Former Senator Vandenberg was right when he said, "Politics ends at the water's edge." I am grateful to the leaders and other Members of Congress -- Democrat and Republican -- for their bipartisan support.

On August 2nd, Iraq invaded Kuwait. They literally raped, pillaged, and plundered this once-peaceful land -- this nation that is a member of the Arab League and of the United Nations. Iraq began to brutally and systematically dismantle Kuwait -- shipping its medical equipment, its machines, its records, its gold -- back to Baghdad. They have tried to silence Kuwaiti dissent and courage with firing squads. In one incident, a 15 year-old boy was gunned down, his family forced to watch. His crime -- passing out leaflets.

The United States and the rest of the world, united in anger and outrage, determined to force Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait. On August 5th, Saddam Hussein announced he was pulling his forces out of Kuwait. At that very moment he sent his armor and his troops south to mass along the Saudi border, threatening yet

another member of the U.N. and Arab League.

Subsequently, the United Nations Security Council passed 10 resolutions of condemnation and disapproval. On August 5th, I said Saddam Hussein's aggression will not stand. Today I am more determined than ever: This aggression will not stand. ///

This morning over 300 Americans, innocent civilians, are held against their will in Iraq. Many of them reportedly staked out as human shields, near possible military targets -- brutality not seen since Adolf Hitler.

Many more Americans are in hiding in Kuwait, their lives at stake; 27 imprisoned in the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait City. They are cut off from food and other supplies. They are surrounded by Iraqi troops. Our flag still flies but the rights of these American citizens are, at this very moment, being denied by Iraq's brutal dictator.

Let me be clear -- we have no argument with the Iraqi people. We bear no hostility to the Iraqi people, nor do any of the over 25 countries represented on land and sea in the Gulf area. Our problem is with Saddam Hussein -- alone.

I want a peaceful resolution to this crisis. Indeed, we have worked closely with the United Nations in putting sanctions into effect, in passing resolutions and in speaking with one voice against the invader's aggression.

We are giving the sanctions time to work. I hope there will never be a shot fired in anger, but let me be very, very clear:

There will be no compromise on the stated objectives of the

United Nations Security Council resolutions -- none at all.

The brutality against innocent civilians will not be tolerated and will not stand. // Saddam's clear violations of international law will not stand. // And that means, yes, Saddam Hussein's brutal aggression will not stand. ///

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