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THE WHITE HOUSE

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June 11, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST  
TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DMG*

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S DINNER

I. SUMMARY

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PRESIDENTS DINNER  
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Putting our ideas into action has been difficult. Right now, Republicans are on the short end of the numbers game up on Capitol Hill. Too often, partisanship blocks progress. //

/ In a world where the pace of change accelerates every day, we've got a government -- Congressional government -- that moves at a glacial pace. //

Now, I didn't come here to knock Congress [[-- we've got Congressmen for that.]] I've been there. I served in the House -- alongside Bob Michel and Guy Vander Jagt and many other old hands here tonight. I know the dedication good Congressmen and women bring to the job. I know the way Bob Dole and Bob Michel, Al Simpson, Newt Gingrich and all the rest of our Republican team work tirelessly to advance our cause. // But I also know Capitol Hill -- the way the place allows each individual

Congressman to duck collective responsibility for taking action -  
- even when action is imperative. //

Back in March, during my joint address to Congress at the conclusion of DESERT STORM, I challenged Congress to tackle pressing national problems with the same energy and sense of purpose that guided our approach to the war in the Gulf. I set out my domestic agenda, and then I picked out **two issues** -- a comprehensive crime bill and transportation. I urged Congress to act -- to pass these two bills in 100 days.

99 days have passed since I issued that challenge -- 99 days. Instead of either of the bills I called for, all we've got from Congress these past 99 Days is 101 excuses. // **No action - no bills.**

The American people don't understand it. //

The American people don't understand why Congress can't pass a bill, can't meet deadlines -- its own or anyone else's.

The American people don't understand a Congress that spends all its time chasing its own tail. //

The American people don't understand the endless committee hearings, the pronouncements and posturing -- round and round, with no result. //

The American people don't understand Congress -- and each day, I'm more convinced the Congress can't understand the American people: their frustration, their outright anger, at an institution that just isn't getting the job done. //

Congress can't play deaf forever. The complaints are getting louder the closer we move toward 1992. If Congress doesn't get the message -- the American people are going to have to get themselves a new Congress. ///

Republicans shouldn't fear change -- because history is on our side. [[From Managua to Moscow, from Panama to Prague, captive peoples have broken the grip of one-party rule. Just as the winds of change shape our world -- so too change will come to Capitol Hill. //]]

1992 can be the year we make great gains in the House of Representatives. We can build Republican numbers up to a point where we are within striking distance of a majority -- where we can work across the aisle to build a consensus with like-minded members of the opposition, where we can put our ideas into action. //

As good as our chances are to make gains in the House, I have even higher hopes for the Senate. After election day in 1992, when I talk to the Senate Majority Leader -- I'll be talking to a Republican. //

With a majority in the Senate, and a stronger GOP in the House, we can change the political equation -- we can shift the center of gravity to the kind of government America needs and wants. To the kind of government America deserves -- the kind of government only the Republican Party can provide. //

Tonight, I thank each and every one of you for helping us take a step forward toward that future. // Good night -- and may God bless the United States of America.

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PRESIDENTS DINNER \ WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER  
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1991 \ 10:00 PM

THANK YOU, PHIL {SEN. GRAMM}, FOR THOSE KIND  
WORDS -- AND THANKS, ALL OF YOU, FOR THIS WONDERFUL  
RECEPTION TONIGHT. // [INTRODUCTORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.  
VICE PRESIDENT QUAYLE. HOWARD BAKER. BOB MICHEL.  
SEN. DOLE. CONG. VANDER JAGT.] LET ME ACKNOWLEDGE ALL  
THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HERE. THE FIRST-RATE MEN AND  
WOMEN OF MY CABINET -- AND MY WHITE HOUSE STAFF. ///

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I AM CONFIDENT -- OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE OF  
THIS GREAT COUNTRY. I'M PROUD OF THE WAY OUR YOUNG MEN  
AND WOMEN SERVED WITH COURAGE IN THE GULF -- THE WAY  
THEY SELFLESSLY LIBERATED A SMALL NATION. OUR  
OBJECTIVE WAS TO SHOW THAT AGGRESSION WILL NOT STAND  
-- AND THEY SURE SHOWED THAT. ///

I'M CONFIDENT WE CAN PUT THIS SAME COURAGE,  
DEDICATION AND SENSE OF PURPOSE TO WORK RIGHT HERE AT  
HOME. //

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IN THE COMMUNITIES I VISIT, I SENSE A CERTAIN URGENCY  
--- AN IMPATIENCE IN THE AIR. PEOPLE FEEL THAT --- AS A  
NATION --WE'VE GOT GREAT WORK TO DO. / AND THAT'S  
GOOD --- BECAUSE THAT'S AMERICAN.

I SPOKE LAST NIGHT TO A REMARKABLE CROSS-SECTION OF  
AMERICA --- HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WHO MAKE AMERICA A LAND  
OF OPPORTUNITY. PEOPLE WHOSE PRODUCTS AND IDEAS FUEL  
AN ECONOMY THAT -- WHATEVER ITS EBBS AND FLOWS ---  
REMAINS THE ENVY OF THE WORLD.

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PEOPLE WHO MAKE GOVERNMENT WORK FOR US --- AND NOT  
AGAINST US. FINALLY, THE POINTS OF LIGHT -- THE PEOPLE  
WHO USE THEIR TIME AND TALENT TO HELP THE YOUNG AND OLD  
-- WHO ARE TOO BUSY SOLVING PROBLEMS TO BE STOPPED BY  
THEM. //

THESE PEOPLE GIVE THIS NATION ITS SPECIAL  
CHARACTER. THEY MAKE AMERICA A NATION OF PRACTICAL  
PEOPLE -- RESOURCEFUL, DOWN TO EARTH, HARD-WORKING.

THEY MAKE AMERICA A NATION WHERE IDEALS COUNT: A NATION FILLED WITH PEOPLE NOT EASILY SATISFIED. ALWAYS READY TO AIM HIGH. TO ASK MORE --- OF THEIR COUNTRY. OF THEMSELVES. //

HERE IN WASHINGTON, WE'VE GOT TO ASK OURSELVES: HOW CAN GOVERNMENT HELP? HOW DO WE RECOGNIZE THE ROLE THAT GOVERNMENT MUST PLAY --- AND THE LIMITS TO WHAT GOVERNMENT CAN DO?

EACH PARTY PROVIDES ITS OWN ANSWER. THE DEMOCRATS DON'T LOOK AT AMERICA THE WAY WE DO. / I GET A LITTLE SICK AND TIRED OF HEARING THE TRUE PRACTITIONERS OF PARTISAN POLITICS SAYING WE "HAVE NO DOMESTIC AGENDA." WE HAVE THE KIND OF DOMESTIC AGENDA THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT -- THE KIND THEY ELECTED US TO ENACT. BUT THE PARTISANS REFUSE TO MOVE. [I LOVED IT WHEN THEY ATTACKED A SPEECH I DIDN'T GIVE -- EVEN BEFORE I DIDN'T GIVE IT....] //

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THE DEMOCRATS SEEM TO FEED ON HARD FEELINGS --- TO THRIVE ON BAD TIMES. THEY LIKE TO SEE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS LACKING WILL --- SHORT ON COMPASSION. //

THE DEMOCRATS ARE ALWAYS READY TO MANDATE CHANGE AND MEDDLE IN THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS. // WELL, IN A SYSTEM BASED ON THE DEMOCRATIC IDEA THAT THE PEOPLE KNOW BEST -- WE DON'T NEED GOVERNMENT BY AN ELITE THAT ALWAYS "KNOWS BETTER." //

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THE REPUBLICAN PHILOSOPHY IS FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT. YOU SEE, WE PUT OUR TRUST IN THE PEOPLE. ///

REPUBLICANS WANT TO DO MORE THAN SIMPLY REIN IN THE EXCESSES OF THE LIBERAL ALTERNATIVE. REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT IS MORE THAN JUST A LEANER, MEANER VERSION OF THE BIG GOVERNMENT FAVORED BY DEMOCRATS. REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT IS GUIDED BY A SENSE OF WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE INDIVIDUAL -- WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE FAMILY.

THE FAMILY STANDS AT THE VERY CENTER OF ALL THAT IS  
RIGHT AND GOOD ABOUT AMERICA -- AND THIS PRESIDENT AND  
THIS PARTY WILL DEFEND THE AMERICAN FAMILY. //

WHEN WE PUT TOGETHER OUR POLICIES AND PROGRAMS, WE  
MUST ALWAYS ASK OURSELVES: DOES THIS HELP? DOES THIS  
PROGRAM OR POLICY PROMOTE INDEPENDENCE -- OR ARE WE  
TREATING A PROUD INDIVIDUAL AS A WARD OF THE STATE?  
ARE WE STRENGTHENING OR WEAKENING THE FAMILY?

IS GOVERNMENT OFFERING A HELPING HAND -- OR A FATAL  
EMBRACE? //

THE ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS SHAPE OUR APPROACH  
TO GOVERNMENT. TAKE EDUCATION. LET THE OTHER SIDE KID  
ITSELF -- THAT ALL WE NEED TO IMPROVE OUR SCHOOLS IS A  
BLANK CHECK FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. TOO OFTEN  
THAT BLANK CHECK PRODUCES BLANK MINDS.

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WE WANT SOMETHING MORE: SCHOOLS THAT WORK -- AND AN EDUCATION STRATEGY THAT SPARKS INNOVATION, IMPROVES ACHIEVEMENT AND RAISES STANDARDS. //

TAKE HOUSING. LET THE DEMOCRATS MAKE IT THEIR GOAL TO WAREHOUSE THE LARGEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS. OUR GOAL IS TO TRANSFORM THOSE TENANTS INTO AMERICA'S NEWEST HOMEOWNERS. //

TAKE CHILD CARE.

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WE FOUGHT OFF THE OTHER PARTY'S ATTEMPT TO BUILD A NEW CHILD CARE BUREAUCRACY MANAGED AND MANDATED BY WASHINGTON -- A SYSTEM OF RED TAPE AND REGULATIONS SO STIFLING IT WOULD TAKE OUR KIDS OUT OF GRANDMA'S ARMS -- AND PUT THEM INTO ANTISEPTIC GOVERNMENT DAY CARE INSTITUTIONS. // OUR CHILD CARE INITIATIVE PUTS CHOICE RIGHT WHERE IT BELONGS: IN THE HANDS OF PARENTS. ///

THAT'S THE REPUBLICAN WAY -- THE RIGHT WAY. //

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WE KNOW WE'VE HAD PROBLEMS PUTTING OUR IDEAS INTO ACTION. RIGHT NOW, REPUBLICANS ARE ON THE SHORT END OF THE NUMBERS GAME UP ON CAPITOL HILL. // IN A WORLD WHERE THE PACE OF CHANGE ACCELERATES EVERY DAY, WE'VE GOT A GOVERNMENT -- CONGRESSIONAL GOVERNMENT -- THAT MOVES AT A GLACIAL PACE. //

NOW, I DIDN'T COME HERE TO KNOCK CONGRESS [[-- WE'VE GOT CONGRESSMEN FOR THAT.]] I'VE BEEN THERE.

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I SERVED IN THE HOUSE -- ALONGSIDE BOB MICHEL AND GUY VANDER JAGT AND MANY OTHER OLD HANDS HERE TONIGHT. I KNOW THE DEDICATION GOOD CONGRESSMEN AND WOMEN BRING TO THE JOB. I KNOW THE WAY BOB DOLE AND AL SIMPSON, NEWT GINGRICH AND ALL THE REST OF OUR REPUBLICAN TEAM WORK TIRELESSLY TO ADVANCE OUR CAUSE. // BUT I ALSO KNOW CAPITOL HILL -- THE WAY THE PLACE ALLOWS EACH INDIVIDUAL CONGRESSMAN TO DUCK COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR TAKING ACTION -- EVEN WHEN ACTION IS IMPERATIVE. //

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BACK IN MARCH, DURING MY JOINT ADDRESS TO CONGRESS AT THE CONCLUSION OF DESERT STORM, I CHALLENGED CONGRESS TO TACKLE PRESSING NATIONAL PROBLEMS WITH THE SAME ENERGY AND SENSE OF PURPOSE THAT GUIDED US IN THE GULF. I SET OUT MY DOMESTIC AGENDA, AND TO GET THINGS MOVING, I PICKED TWO ISSUES -- A COMPREHENSIVE CRIME BILL AND TRANSPORTATION. I URGED CONGRESS TO ACT --- TO PASS THESE TWO BILLS IN 100 DAYS.

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99 DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE I ISSUED THAT CHALLENGE -- AND ALL WE'VE GOT FROM CONGRESS THESE PAST 99 DAYS IS 101 EXCUSES. // LET ME TELL YOU: THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. // THE AMERICAN PEOPLE JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND A CONGRESS THAT SPENDS ALL ITS TIME CHASING ITS OWN TAIL -- ROUND AND ROUND, WITH NO RESULT. //

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THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND CONGRESS --AND EACH DAY, I'M MORE CONVINCED THE CONGRESS DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE: THEIR FRUSTRATION, THEIR OUTRIGHT ANGER, AT AN INSTITUTION THAT JUST WON'T DO THE JOB. //

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REPUBLICANS SHOULDN'T FEAR CHANGE -- BECAUSE HISTORY IS ON OUR SIDE. [[FROM MANAGUA TO MOSCOW, FROM PANAMA TO PRAGUE, CAPTIVE PEOPLES HAVE BROKEN THE GRIP OF ONE-PARTY RULE. JUST AS THE WINDS OF CHANGE SHAPE OUR WORLD -- SO TOO CHANGE WILL COME TO CAPITOL HILL. //]]

I'M MORE CONFIDENT THAN EVER THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS THE PARTY IN TUNE WITH THE ISSUES, IDEAS AND IDEALS THAT MATTER MOST TO AMERICANS.

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THAT'S THE KEY TO OUR CAMPAIGN. IN 1992, LET THE  
REPUBLICAN PARTY RUN ON THE ISSUES --- AND LET THE OTHER  
PARTY RUN AWAY FROM THEM. //

IN 1992, WITH YOUR HELP, WE'LL MAKE GREAT GAINS IN  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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WE CAN BUILD REPUBLICAN NUMBERS UP TO A POINT WHERE WE  
ARE WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF A MAJORITY -- WHERE WE  
CAN WORK ACROSS THE AISLE TO BUILD A CONSENSUS WITH  
LIKE-MINDED MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION, WHERE AFTER TOO  
MANY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS, WE CAN PUT OUR IDEAS INTO  
ACTION. //

I HAVE EVEN HIGHER HOPES FOR THE SENATE. AFTER  
ELECTION DAY IN 1992, WHEN I TALK TO THE SENATE  
MAJORITY LEADER -- I'LL BE TALKING TO A REPUBLICAN. //

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LET ME SAY TO ALL THE REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HERE TONIGHT: IN SPITE OF ALL ODDS, WE'VE HAD OUR SHARE OF SUCCESSES --- FROM CLEAN AIR TO CHILD CARE, TO AN AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF. / BUT TOO MUCH OF THE TIME, WE'VE BEEN FORCED TO PLAY DEFENSE. I'VE COUNTED ON CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS TO UPHOLD MY VETOES. TOGETHER, WE TURNED BACK MORE THAN A FEW BAD BILLS THAT WOULD HAVE BECOME LAW -- AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT TONIGHT. //

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BUT WE CAN DO BETTER. IF WE CONTROL ONE HOUSE --- WE CAN GET ON THE OFFENSIVE AND STAY THERE. WE CAN PUSH THROUGH OUR PROGRAMS -- CRIME AND TRANSPORTATION, / EDUCATION, / OUR HOME OWNERSHIP INITIATIVES AND REGULATORY REFORMS, / A TRUE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL -- NOT A QUOTA BILL IN DISGUISE: ALL OF OUR AGENDA TO MOVE AMERICA FORWARD. // WE CAN DELIVER THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP AMERICA DESERVES -- THE KIND OF GOVERNMENT ONLY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CAN PROVIDE. //

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TONIGHT, I THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR  
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*Our objective was to show that Aggression will not stand - and they sure showed that.*

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Here in Washington, we've got to ask ourselves: how can government help? How do we recognize the role that government must play -- and the limits to what government can do?

Each Party provides its own answer. The Democrats <sup>that control</sup> ~~don't~~ <sup>this party doesn't</sup> look at America the way we do. / I get a little sick and tired of hearing the true practitioners of partisan politics saying we "have no domestic agenda." We have the kind of domestic agenda the American people want -- the kind they elected us to enact. But the partisans refuse to move. [I loved it when they attacked a speech I didn't give -- even before I didn't give it....] //

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Well, Congress can't play dead forever. //

The complaints are getting louder the closer we move toward 1992. If Congress doesn't get the message -- the American people are going to have to get themselves a new Congress. */// And that's where you come in - Thanks you very much -*  
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I'm more confident than ever that the Republican Party is the party in tune with the issues, ideas and ideals that matter most to Americans. That's the key to our campaign. In 1992, let the Republican Party run on the issues -- and let the other party run away from them. //

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Let me say to all the Republican members of Congress here tonight: In spite of all odds, we've had our share of successes -- from Clean Air to child care, to an Americans with Disabilities Act we can all be proud of. / But too much of the time, we've been forced to play defense. I've counted on Congressional Republicans to uphold my vetos. ~~Together,~~ we turned back more than a few bad bills that would have become law. *I have had to veto 21 bills and thanks to the Republicans* ~~and I thank you for that tonight.~~ *1/23 to 30 means* ~~we can do better.~~ *not one single veto has been overcome* But we can do better. If we control one house -- we can get on the offensive and stay there. We can push through our <sup>of the Congress</sup> programs -- crime and transportation, / education, / <sup>a real growth package /</sup> our home ownership initiatives and regulatory reforms, / a true civil

*Which reminds me if we could only get for the President that which 43 Governors have we could really protect the taxpayers. I'm talking about the*

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June 11, 1991 **JUN 12 12:55**

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Presidents Dinner

We have reviewed the attached remarks and have no comments from a policy standpoint.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 11, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST  
TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DMG*

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S DINNER

I. SUMMARY

On Thursday, June 13, at 9:20 p.m., you will address the 1991 President's Dinner at the Washington Convention Center. Senator Howard Baker, Congressman Michel, Senator Dole, Congressman Vander Jagt, and the Vice President will speak before you do. Senator Phil Gramm will introduce you.

II. DISCUSSION

This speech takes place on the 99th day of the 100-day deadline you gave Congress to pass the Crime and Transportation bills. The remarks emphasize the American public's frustration with Congress, and also draw clear distinctions between the Republican view of government and the Democratic alternative.

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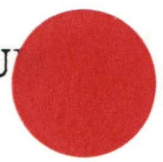
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**REMARKS:**

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**RESPONSE:**

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Gramm, and thanks all of you. First, let me say what a superb job my introducer is doing in his early efforts -- and there will be ongoing efforts -- get control of the United States Senate back. Phil Gramm is a tiger. You saw a little of it here tonight. He's tough and I believe he's going to get the job done. (Applause.)

May I first salute our Vice President. Let me tell you something. Dan Quayle is doing a superb job for our country here and abroad in everything he does, and I am proud to have him at my side. (Applause.)

And, of course, let me salute the former Majority Leader of the United States Senate, Howard Baker, who took on this task, a busy man, and he got a job done in a historic way. Howard, we owe you a tremendous vote of thanks and thank you, sir. (Applause.)

And I also salute Bob Michel and Senator Dole. It's a joy to work with them. I cannot ask in any way -- I couldn't ask for any leaders to give me more support -- steadfast, loyal support than these two -- one in the Senate and one in the House. And thank you both. (Applause.)

And may I also thank my Cabinet. We've got a good Cabinet, a strong Cabinet. We get a lot of ideas presented at the Cabinet table and then the decision is made, and they come together, and I am very blessed with having them and having a strong White House staff, many of whom are here tonight. So I'm grateful and it gives me a good chance to say that to you, the movers and shakers of the Republican Party. (Applause.)

Let me just say a few words about our country. Frankly, I am confident, optimistic about the future of this great country. And I am very proud of the way our young men and women served with courage in the Gulf, the way they selflessly liberated a small nation. And our objective was to show that aggression will not stand, and they sure showed that. The aggressors were kicked out of Kuwait because of the fine young men and women of this country. (Applause.)

And what I want to see us do is put this same courage and dedication and sense of purpose to work right here at home. In the communities I visit -- and Barbara is with me, going to many more on her own, I might add -- I sense a certain urgency. There is an impatience in the air. People feel that as a nation we've got great work to do. And that is good because that is America.

You know, I spoke at the White House last night on the lawn, with the Monument behind us and a beautiful summer evening there, to a remarkable cross section of America. Hundreds of people who make America a land of opportunity. People whose products and ideas fuel an economy that whatever its ebbs and flows, remains the envy of the world. People who make government work for us and not

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against us. And, finally, the Points of Light -- the people who use their time and talent to help the young and old who are too busy solving problems to be stopped by them. These people give this nation its special character, and they make their nation a nation of practical people, resourceful, down-to-Earth, hard-working. And they make America a nation where ideals count, a nation filled with people not easily satisfied, always ready to aim high, to ask more of their country and of themselves.

And so here in Washington -- that is what is going on across the country -- but here in Washington we've got to ask ourselves how can government help? How do we recognize the role that government must play and the limits to what government can do? Each party provides its own answer. The Democrats that control their party don't look at things the way we do. I, frankly, get a little sick and tired of hearing the true practitioners of partisan politics saying that we have no domestic agenda. We have the kind of domestic agenda the American people want, the kind they elected us to enact, and if those leaders weren't up there, we'd get the job done for this country. (Applause.) The partisans refuse to move.

I got a kick out of -- I loved it when they attacked a speech that I didn't give even before I didn't give it. (Laughter.) They go out and assail a theme that wasn't particularly going to be in the speech in the first place. They're desperate. They seem to feed these Democrat leaders on hard feelings, to thrive on bad times, to keep telling us that everything is bad about our country. And such a negative approach to this, the greatest country on the face of the Earth. (Applause.)

But your philosophy, my philosophy is fundamentally different. We put our trust in the people. Republicans want to do more than simply rein in the excesses of the liberal alternative. Republican government is guided by a sense of what is good for the individual, what is good for the family. The family stands at the very center of all that is right and good about America, and this President and this party will defend the American family and will deny legislation that weakens the American family. (Applause.)

When we put together our policies and programs, we've got to always ask ourselves, does this really help? Does this program or policy promote independence, or are we treating a proud individual as a ward of the state? Are we strengthening or weakening the family? Is government offering a helping hand or a fatal embrace? The answers to those questions shape our administration's approach to government.

Take education. We want schools that work, an education strategy that sparks innovation, improves achievement, raises standards and in the process revolutionizes the American schools. Take housing. Let the Democrats make it their goal to warehouse the largest possible number of housing tenants by throwing money at bricks and mortar. Our goal is to transform those tenants into America's newest homeowners and give them the dignity that everybody that owns a home feels in his heart. (Applause.)

And take child care. We fought off, with great help in the Senate and great help in the House, the other party's attempt to build a new child care bureaucracy managed and mandated from Washington, D.C. A system of red tape and regulations so stifling that it would take our kids out of their grandparents' arms and put them into antiseptic government day care institutions. And our child care initiative put choice right where it belongs -- in the hands of the parents. And we passed -- thank heavens we passed a good child care bill last year. (Applause.)

And, look, I am the first to know that we have had difficulty putting our ideas into action. Right now, as you have heard tonight from our leaders, Republicans are on the short end of the numbers game up on Capitol Hill. In a world where the pace of change accelerates every day, we've got one government -- one part of government, congressional government -- that moves at a glacial pace.

I didn't come here to knock the Congress. I've got a lot of Congressmen sitting out here that make sense that can knock the Congress.

I've been there, though. I served in the House alongside of Bob Dole, who is here, and Bob Michel -- and many other old hands here tonight. And I will once again say that I just can't tell you, every day that I'm in the White House, how grateful I am to our leaders. And it's not just the two that we've had here tonight. I salute them, but to our Whips Al Simpson and Newt Gingrich -- they are doing a super job for our party. (Applause.)

Look, I respect the Congress, and I know the dedication that good Congressmen and women bring to that job. And I know the way our Whips get going and all the rest of our Republican team work tirelessly to advance our team. But I also know Capitol Hill -- the way the place allows each individual congressman to duck collective responsibility for taking action, even when action is imperative.

Back in March -- and you heard Phil mention this -- during my joint address to the Congress at the conclusion of Desert Storm, I challenged Congress to tackle pressing national problems with the same energy and the same sense of purpose that guided us in the Gulf. And I set out a fairly detailed domestic agenda, and to get things moving I picked just two issues -- I singled out just two. It could have been more. A comprehensive crime bill and a transportation bill. And I urged the Congress to act to pass these two bills in 100 days. Franklin Roosevelt challenged the Congress to act in a period of time; Lyndon Johnson challenged it, President Ford challenged it; John Kennedy set goals with time frames on them. To listen to the leaders of the Democrats squawk, you'd think I was violating the Constitution of the United States.

Ninety-nine days have passed since I issued the challenge, and all we've gotten from the Congress these past 99 days is 101 excuses. (Applause.) And I think I detect a trend here; the complaints are getting louder the closer we move towards 1992 for some reason.

If Congress doesn't get the message, the American people are going to have to get themselves a new Congress. (Applause.) And very candidly, with your generosity tonight and what so many of you have done in the past and will do in the future, that is where you come in.

In 1992, with your help, we will make great gains in the House. Bob Michel is right. I think the climate is different now. I really believe people want change. I think they're tired of people that serve in perpetuity. I think they want change and dynamism. And we can build Republican numbers up to a point where we are within striking distance of a majority, where we can work across the aisle then. Can't quite get it done yet. Then we'll be able to work across the aisle to build a consensus with the far-sighted, like-minded members of the opposition -- and there are plenty of those around. Where after too many years in the wilderness, we can put out ideas into action in the House. And I have even higher hopes for the Senate. After election day in 1992, when I talk to the Senate Majority Leader, I'll be talking to Bob Dole, a Republican. And it's about time we get control back. (Applause.)

And so let me say to all the Republican members of the Congress here tonight, in spite of all the odds, thanks to you, we have had our share of successes -- from clean air to child care to the historic civil rights legislation, the Americans With Disabilities Act. But too much of the time you and the White House have been forced to play defense. I've counted on Congressional Republicans to uphold my vetoes. We've turned back more than a few bad bills that would have become law, and I was reluctant, but I had to veto 21 bills. And thanks to so many members here tonight, not one single veto has been overturned. And that is not easy. (Applause.)

Which reminds me, if we could only get for the President that which 43 governors have, we could really protect the taxpayer, and I'm talking about the line-item veto. And I'm trying to find ways to use it. (Applause.) And if we control one house of the Congress, we can get on the offensive. We can stay there. We can bring to the attention of the American people those things that I was elected to perform on. We can get our programs through -- crime and transportation and education and a real growth package. And our home ownership initiatives and regulatory reform, and a true civil rights bill. All of our agenda to move America forward -- and we've got a good one. We can deliver the kind of leadership America deserves, the kind of government that I honestly believe in my heart that only our party can provide.

And so tonight I wanted to thank each and every one of you for helping us take a step forward to the future. As you get shaken down by these awesome fundraisers out here -- and you do the same to your fellow Americans -- you're doing the Lord's work. We need you, and you're working to change the direction of this country and give us the manpower and the womanpower in both houses of Congress to get the job done.

Thank you all and God bless you. Barbara and I are grateful to each and every one of you. (Applause.)

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