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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS
NATIONAL GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION VIDEOCONFERENCE

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DICK'S WIFE BARBARA AND THEIR CHILDREN]. EVERYONE WHO
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KNEW HIM TO BE A MAN OF CHARACTER AND DEEP COMMITMENT.
DICK SNELLING WILL BE MISSED BY THE PEOPLE OF VERMONT
-- AND BY AMERICANS EVERYWHERE WHO VALUE THE HIGH
STANDARD HE SET FOR PUBLIC SERVICE. //

THIS IS A PERFECT FORUM TO HIGHLIGHT SEVERAL ISSUES OF URGENT CONCERN TO ALL OF US. LET'S START WITH TRANSPORTATION. IN JUST 43 DAYS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S AUTHORITY TO FUND HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT PROJECTS WILL EXPIRE. WE NEED A NEW 5-YEAR FEDERAL REAUTHORIZATION BILL TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE.

JUST A FEW HOURS FROM NOW, YOU'LL HEAR FROM SAM SKINNER. I'VE DIRECTED SAM TO WORK WITH THE CONGRESS -- TO REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS TO PRODUCE A REAUTHORIZATION BILL ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES. ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT MUST DO MORE TO MEET OUR TRANSPORTATION NEEDS. THAT'S WHY I'VE PROPOSED A 39% INCREASE IN THE FEDERAL SHARE FOR HIGHWAY SPENDING. BUT LET ME BE CLEAR: I WILL VETO ANY BILL THAT INCLUDES AN INCREASE IN THE GASOLINE TAX. //

THE CLOCK IS TICKING. I URGE THE N.G.A. TO HELP KEEP THE PRESSURE ON -- TO JOIN ME, AND THE CONGRESS, TO PASS THIS CRITICAL BILL. //

ANYONE WHO KNOWS THE N.G.A. KNOWS YOU'VE COME TO SEATTLE TO GET THINGS DONE. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, WE'VE FORGED A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATES. THAT PARTNERSHIP HAS BEGUN TO ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS IN EDUCATION. NOW WE MUST JOIN FORCES ON THE TOUGH ISSUE OF HEALTH CARE.

BOOTH, YOU'VE LED THE N.G.A.'S TASK FORCE ON HEALTH CARE IN CRAFTING A POLICY ON HEALTH CARE REFORM. YOUR DRAFT POLICY CALLS FOR COMPREHENSIVE STATE REFORMS. IT OUTLINES HOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN ENCOURAGE INNOVATION. IF THE N.G.A. ADOPTS THIS POLICY, WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO REMOVE FEDERAL OBSTACLES TO STATE-DESIGNED SOLUTIONS.

HEALTH CARE AND TRANSPORTATION ARE JUST TWO OF THE MANY ISSUES ON OUR AGENDA THAT AFFECT EVERY ASPECT OF AMERICAN LIFE. BUT WE FACE OTHER CHALLENGES: MAKING OUR ECONOMY STRONGER AND OUR STREETS SAFE, BATTLING DRUGS, BUILDING A NATION UNITED IN ITS DESIRE TO SECURE PEACE, PROSPERITY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AMERICANS.

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TODAY, I WANT TO FOCUS ON EDUCATION -- TO COMMEND YOU ON THE WORK YOU'VE DONE THIS YEAR TO IMPROVE LEARNING IN AMERICA. IT'S BEEN NEARLY TWO YEARS SINCE WE MET IN CHARLOTTESVILLE. THERE, FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE FIRST EDUCATION PRESIDENT, THOMAS JEFFERSON, WE COMMITTED OURSELVES TO THE "JEFFERSONIAN COMPACT." THAT COMPACT LED US TO ESTABLISH SIX NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS -- AND LAUNCHED THE NATION ON A DECADE-LONG CRUSADE TO IMPROVE OUR SCHOOLS. //

THIS MARCH TOWARD EXCELLENCE HAS MANY DIMENSIONS. IN THE TWO YEARS SINCE THE EDUCATION SUMMIT, TWO KEY PRINCIPLES BEHIND OUR NATIONAL GOALS NOW DRIVE THE FORCES OF REFORM. I'M TALKING ABOUT HIGH EXPECTATIONS -- AND A FOCUS ON RESULTS.

SOME DISMISSED OUR GOALS AS TOO AMBITIOUS. BUT YOU AND I KNOW IF WE WANTED DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT, WE HAD TO SET OUR SIGHTS HIGHER: IMPROVED PERFORMANCE BEGINS WITH HIGH EXPECTATIONS.

IN THE FUTURE, OUR STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO MEET OR EXCEED OBJECTIVE, WORLD-CLASS STANDARDS. I BELIEVE THAT EVERY CHILD CAN LEARN -- REGARDLESS OF BACKGROUND OR DISABILITY. WE WANT ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED.

SINCE CHARLOTTESVILLE, A SECOND KEY PRINCIPLE HAS SHAPED OUR APPROACH TO EDUCATION REFORM. WE MUST FOCUS ON RESULTS -- BUILD A PERFORMANCE-BASED EDUCATION SYSTEM. OUR WORK WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON STANDARDS AND TESTING -- CHAIRED BY CARROLL CAMPBELL AND ROY ROMER -- WILL RESULT IN A SYSTEM OF AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENT TESTS TO HELP US MARK OUR PROGRESS. NO LONGER WILL WE MEASURE EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS BY THE DOLLARS WE POUR INTO THE PROCESS. WE'LL MEASURE SUCCESS BY THE CALIBER OF STUDENTS OUR SCHOOLS PRODUCE.

WE'LL START MEASURING PERFORMANCE THIS FALL, WHEN WE RELEASE THE FIRST NATIONAL EDUCATION REPORT CARD. WE WON'T SEE THE REPORT CARD UNTIL SEPTEMBER, BUT LET'S NOT KID OURSELVES ABOUT THE NEWS. WE KNOW RIGHT NOW THAT OUR SCHOOLS AREN'T MAKING THE GRADE. WE ALL KNOW WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO.

TOMORROW, LAMAR ALEXANDER WILL SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT AMERICA 2000, OUR PLAN TO RESTRUCTURE -- LITERALLY RE-INVENT -- AMERICA'S SCHOOLS. // AMERICA 2000 CHALLENGES US TO DO MORE THAN TINKER WITH THE EXISTING SYSTEM. IT CHALLENGES US TO MOUNT A NATIONAL CRUSADE -- ONE THAT DRAWS ITS ENERGY FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S DESIRE FOR CHANGE -- ONE THAT ENLISTS AND ENGAGES PARENTS, CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY LEADERS; ONE THAT MAKES USE OF THE TALENTS, DRIVE AND DESIRE OF EVERYONE WHO HAS A STAKE IN AMERICA'S SCHOOLS.

THAT'S WHY AMERICA 2000 DESERVES THE FULL SUPPORT OF EVERY GOVERNOR. SOME TIME AGO, BARBARA AND I TRAVELED TO GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, TO HELP GOVERNOR ROMER LAUNCH COLORADO 2000. I MET THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE READY TO JOIN THIS CRUSADE. WHAT STRUCK ME MOST WAS THE PASSION THESE PEOPLE SHARED -- THE PASSION THAT COMES FROM GLIMPING THE WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES OPEN TO EVERY CHILD. //

THAT PASSION MUST SPARK THIS GREAT CRUSADE IN EVERY STATE. BEFORE I RETURN TO WASHINGTON, I WILL JOIN GOVERNOR JOCK MCKERNAN TO KICK OFF MAINE 2000 -- JUST ONE OF THE MANY STATE KICK-OFFS LAMAR TELLS ME WILL TAKE PLACE THIS FALL. WHEN I ANNOUNCED AMERICA 2000, I SAID THERE CAN BE NO RENAISSANCE WITHOUT REVOLUTION. WELL, I AM PLEASED TO TELL YOU TODAY THAT -- STATE BY STATE, COMMUNITY BY COMMUNITY, AND SCHOOL BY SCHOOL -- THAT REVOLUTION HAS BEGUN. //

TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO, THOMAS JEFFERSON CALLED EDUCATION THE KEYSTONE OF THE ARCH OF THE AMERICAN EXPERIMENT. EDUCATION STANDS AS OUR MOST ENDURING LEGACY, VITAL TO OUR ECONOMIC STRENGTH -- FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. EDUCATION SPEAKS TO US -- ALWAYS -- AS THE DREAM THAT SHAPES AMERICA'S DESTINY. ///

NOW, I'M ANXIOUS TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR WORK IN SEATTLE AND WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR STATES. BOOTH, AS THEY SAY ON TV, "BACK TO YOU."

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-- a part President of USA --

This year's gathering is marked by sadness at the passing of one of your own, Governor Richard Snelling. Barbara and I want to express our sympathy to the Snelling family {-- to Dick's wife Barbara and their children}. Everyone who ever worked with Dick -- of every political stripe -- knew him to be a man of character and deep commitment. Dick Snelling will be missed by the people of Vermont -- and by Americans everywhere who value the high standard he set for public service. //

This march toward excellence has many dimensions. In the two years since the Education Summit, **two key principles** behind our national goals now **drive the forces of reform**. I'm talking about high expectations -- and a focus on results.

Some dismissed our goals as too ambitious. But you and I know if we wanted dramatic improvement, we had to set our sights higher: Improved performance begins with high expectations.

In the future, our students will have to meet or exceed objective, world-class standards. ^{We want all students to succeed and} I believe that every child can learn -- regardless of ^{background} handicaps or disability. ~~We want all students to succeed. The first rule of reform is: No more excuses for failure.~~

Since Charlottesville, a second key principle has shaped the our approach to education reform. We must focus on results -- build a performance-based education system. Our work with the National Council on Standards and Testing -- ^{- CHAIRED by CARROLL CAMPBELL and Ray Romney} ~~work that~~ ^{will} result in a system of American Achievement Tests -- ^{to} ~~will~~ help us mark our progress. No longer will we measure educational success by the dollars we pour **into** the process. We'll measure success by the caliber of students our schools produce.

We'll start measuring performance this fall, when we release the first National Education Report Card. We won't see the Report Card until September, but let's not kid ourselves about the news. We know right now that our schools aren't making the grade. We all know we've got work to do.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 8/15/91

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SUBJECT: SATELLITE TELECONFERENCE TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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August 14, 1991

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DMcG*

SUBJECT: SATELLITE TELECONFERENCE TO THE
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I. INFORMATION

On Sunday, August 18 at 4:00 p.m., you will participate in a satellite teleconference with the nation's governors attending the National Governors' Association Summer Meeting in Seattle, Washington. Your remarks are approximately 8 minutes in length and will be teleprompted.

II. DISCUSSION

Attached for your review are draft remarks for this satellite teleconference. Please note that after you deliver these remarks, you will engage in a brief informal conversation with several of the governors.

August 14, 1991
Tron/Griffith
Title: NGA

PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS
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Thank you, Booth, for that kind introduction -- and thank all of you for letting me drop into your meeting by satellite. Booth, I know as NGA Chairman for the past year you've been frequently doing that bi-coastal red eye. I need to loan you my satellite here. It's the quickest way to travel coast-to-coast -- smooth ride, and no jet lag. //

This is a perfect forum to highlight an issue of urgent concern to all of us. In just 43 days, the federal government's authority to fund highway and transit projects will expire. We need a new 5-year federal reauthorization bill to maintain and improve our infrastructure.

Just a few hours from now, you'll hear from Sam Skinner. I've directed Sam to work with the Congress -- to redouble our efforts to produce a reauthorization bill acceptable to all parties. All levels of government must do more to meet our transportation needs. That's why I've proposed a 39% increase in the Federal share for highway spending. But let me be clear: I will veto any bill that includes an increase in the gasoline tax.

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Anyone who knows the NGA knows you've come to Seattle to get things done. Over the past several years, we've forged a partnership between the Federal Government and the states. That partnership has begun to achieve great things in education. Now we must join forces on the tough issue of health care. Booth, you've led the NGA's task force on Health Care in crafting a policy on health care reform. Your draft policy calls for comprehensive state reforms. It outlines how the Federal Government can encourage innovation. If the NGA adopts this policy, we want to work with you. We will do our best to remove Federal obstacles to state-designed solutions.

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 230, x2930, no later than 4:00 p.m., TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary

August 12, 1991
Tron/Griffith
ALT DRAFT
Title: NGA

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Booth, I understand you issued a report yesterday on health care reform. [[I will be adopting new policy in this area on Tuesday. Even without having seen your report, I know we'll agree that all Americans have a stake in containing health care costs and assuring access to good health.]]

I also want to commend all of you for the work you have done this year to improve learning in America. It's been nearly two years since we met in Charlottesville. It was there, following in the footsteps of the first education president, Thomas Jefferson, that we formed a partnership which continues to this day. This partnership led to the establishment of six national education goals -- and launched the nation on a decade-long crusade to improve our schools.

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students will have to meet or exceed objective world-class standards. I believe that every child can learn -- regardless of handicaps or disability -- and virtually every child can learn at advanced levels. The first rule of reform is: **No more excuses for failure.**

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I met thousands of people ready to join this crusade. What really struck me was the universal determination -- the passion these people shared. I am convinced we can tap that same energy in every state and school district across this country.

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From DD 8/15

August 14, 1991
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The clock is ticking. I urge the NGA to help keep the pressure on -- to join me, and the Congress, to pass this critical bill. //


Foley
I understand you're here to welcome them to the Emerald City in the Evergreen State.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 8/12/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 8/13/91 4:00 p.m.

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RESPONSE:

See comments. Thanks.

Elizabeth Luttig 
08/13/91

PHILLIP D. BRADY
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August 12, 1991
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(Education)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 12, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: National Governors' Association Videoconference

→ The President's remarks to the National Governors' Association by videoconference can play a very constructive role on two fronts -- continuing the partnership on education and commencing a partnership on health care.

Health

✓ Rather than develop some bold and costly set of health care proposals, the NGA has come up with an essentially incrementalist approach that embraces a good deal of experimentation at the state level. It is consistent with what may well be the approach we will want to take during the coming year. At the very least, it does not foreclose our options or implicitly criticize what the Administration has done on health care to date.

There are some parts of their report that deal with long-term care for the elderly that are potentially troublesome. But there is no need to raise those issues and concentrate on the remainder of their report.

Given the prominence that health care will play at the NGA meetings, this section of the President's remarks needs to be expanded somewhat. A roughly half page insert (Insert A) is attached that I believe will do the trick.

Education

1. At the bottom of page 1, we should highlight the work of the National Education Goals Panel rather than the National Council on Standards and Testing that reports to the Panel. *mention elsewhere* ?

✓ 2. At the top of page two, we want to set the standard for "advanced work" so that it will challenge the very best of our students rather than at a level that every child can reach. We recommend making a simple statement of the positive: "We want all students to succeed."

Insert A:

Booth, you've led the NGA's Health Care Task Force in crafting a policy statement on health care reform. I understand the Task Force discussed this yesterday and that all the Governors will consider the policy statement on Tuesday.

Over the past several years we have seen a genuine commitment to reforming our educational system. Much of this progress has resulted from a constructive partnership between the Federal government and the states. Once again you point to the potential for partnership, this time in health care. Your draft policy calls for comprehensive state reforms and outlines how the Federal government help facilitate innovation. If the NGA adopts this policy, we want to work with you to remove Federal obstacles to state designed solutions.

Booth, this policy will be a great legacy of your tenure at the helm of the NGA. Congratulations.

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DRAFT STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION
AUGUST 17, 1991

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH LUTTIG

FROM:

LESLIE ARSHT 

SUBJECT:

Comments on Presidential Remarks for the
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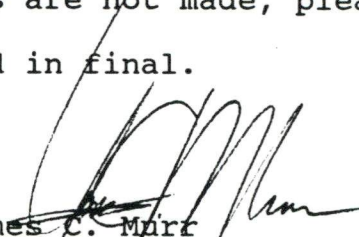
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FROM: LEE S. LIBERMAN *LS*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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cc: Phil Brady

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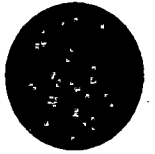
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