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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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September 9, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST  
TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*

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(Smith/Grossman)  
September 8, 1991  
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MAYFLOWER HOTEL  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1991

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We also need a strong legislative branch -- one that balances its duty to constituents with responsibility to the greater good. // Lincoln once said, "I have been told I was on the road to hell, but I had no idea it was just a mile down the road with a dome on it." // On this one point, I disagree with him. I do believe that we need representatives who know that the system of checks and balances does not mean writing out checks - - and spending the public's hard earned money -- to appease special interests. //

And, of course, we need a strong Executive. / A President's powers are co-equal to Congress -- but quite different. He / along with the Vice-President / is the only official elected by the entire country.

The Constitution grants the President considerable authority in the area of foreign relations -- and imposes equally awesome responsibilities to foster peace and prosperity. // If you doubt what this has meant, look at the record. I think we have done all right in recent years. //

When a dictator crushed hopes for democracy in his homeland and endangered the Western Hemisphere -- we helped the Panamanian people restore free elections and the rule of law. //

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I wish I could tell you that we can move just as swiftly and effectively on domestic issues, but we can't. As you know, the Constitution carefully balances the President's domestic powers, with Congress's own domestic responsibilities. The President can propose -- but only Congress can legislate. /

As a result, a president cannot govern without cooperation from Congress. Last March 6, I said we could pass a crime bill

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It has been said that "a politician thinks of the next election -- a statesman thinks of the next generation." Today, Congress has too few statesmen and too many politicians. If Congress can't clean up its act, we must act to clean up the Congress. //

Let's face it. There's something wrong when it's easier to get Iraqi forces out of Kuwait than it is for the Administration to get domestic programs through Congress. / It's not a question of fault. It is a question of philosophies. // Liberal Democrats measure progress by dollars spent and bureaucracies built. If you don't spend money or create new bureaucracies, they accuse you of doing nothing. But let me tell you: It takes a lot of gall to describe the 1.1 trillion dollars that Americans pay in federal taxes as "nothing" -- or not enough. We don't need more spending or taxes. We need a better return on our tax dollars.

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**EAGLES LUNCHEON \ MAYFLOWER HOTEL  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1991 \ 12:15 P.M.**

**LET ME THANK LARRY BATHGATE, RNC FINANCE CHAIRMAN.  
THANKS, LARRY -- AND NOW, RAISE MORE MONEY! // I WANT  
TO ALSO SALUTE MY GOOD FRIEND BOBBY HOLT. / BILL  
McMANUS, JEANIE AUSTIN. A SPECIAL THANKS TO RNC  
CHAIRMAN CLAYTON YEUTTER, WHO COULD BE NOT BE WITH US.  
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TODAY, I WANT TO TALK NOT OF MANAGERS BUT LEADERSHIP -- INCLUDING THE LEADERSHIP YOU HELP PROVIDE THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT OF THE RNC. / YOU ARE REPUBLICANS BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE IN HARD WORK AND FAMILY / IN RELIGIOUS FAITH AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE / IN FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY -- IN AMERICA. // YOU SUPPORT THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT CAN MAKE THOSE IDEALS A REALITY. //

LET ME BRIEFLY MENTION A MAN WHO REFLECTS THESE IDEALS. I HOPE YOU SAW JUDGE CLARENCE THOMAS' OPENING STATEMENT TO CONGRESS THIS WEEK. I AM SO PROUD OF THE JOB HE DID. IT WAS POWERFUL -- CAPTIVATING -- THERE WAS NOT A DRY EYE IN THE HOUSE. // THIS INDEPENDENT MAN WILL HELP MAINTAIN A STRONG, FAIR, AND IMPARTIAL JUDICIARY. I AM CONFIDENT JUDGE THOMAS WILL BECOME THE NEXT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT. //

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**I WISH I COULD TELL YOU THAT WE CAN MOVE JUST AS SWIFTLY AND EFFECTIVELY ON DOMESTIC ISSUES, BUT WE CAN'T. AS YOU KNOW, THE CONSTITUTION CAREFULLY BALANCES THE PRESIDENT'S DOMESTIC POWERS, WITH CONGRESS'S OWN DOMESTIC RESPONSIBILITIES. THE PRESIDENT CAN PROPOSE -- BUT ONLY CONGRESS CAN LEGISLATE. //**

**AS A RESULT, A PRESIDENT CANNOT GOVERN WITHOUT COOPERATION FROM CONGRESS.**

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WE HAVE TRIED FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS TO PROMOTE GROWTH, OPPORTUNITY AND PROSPERITY. YET TOO MANY INITIATIVES HAVE RUN INTO A BLOCKADE MANNED BY THE SAME DEMOCRATS WHO MOANED WHEN WE WENT INTO PANAMA; WHEN WE SOUGHT THE ONGOING LIBERATION OF KUWAIT. YOU CAN SEE WHY MUCH OF THE 1992 CAMPAIGN WILL BE ABOUT THE CONGRESS -- THE STATUS QUO IS UNACCEPTABLE.

TOO OFTEN CONGRESS DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DIDN'T ELECT ME TO ENACT A LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC AGENDA. //

LET ME TALK ABOUT OUR DOMESTIC AGENDA, WHICH HASN'T SEEN THE LIGHT OF DAY BECAUSE OF ONE-PARTY CONTROL OF CONGRESS. REMEMBER THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX CUT? THIS SIMPLE INITIATIVE COULD UNLEASH A NEW WAVE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP -- HAND POWER TO THE POWERLESS.

THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP WOULDN'T EVEN PERMIT A VOTE ON IT.

LOOK AT TRANSPORTATION. CONGRESS HAS BEGUN DEBATING THE FIVE-YEAR RE-AUTHORIZATION OF AMERICA'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM. WE WANT A SYSTEM THAT SPENDS MONEY TO ADDRESS LOCAL NEEDS -- AND NOT JUST SUPPORT POLITICIANS' CAREERS. // SADLY, CONGRESS WANTS TO ENACT A NICKEL A GALLON TAX INCREASE -- SO THAT OVER 40 PERCENT OF THE GAS TAX WILL GO FOR CONGRESSIONAL PORK-BARREL PROJECTS. //

IF CONGRESS SENDS ME A TRANSPORTATION BILL WITH A GASOLINE TAX HIKE, I WILL VETO IT. WE CAN'T LET CONGRESS RAISE THE GAS TAX FOR PROJECTS COMMUNITIES DON'T EVEN NEED. //

WE HOPE CONGRESS WILL ACT ON ANOTHER PART OF OUR DOMESTIC AGENDA -- EDUCATION. THE PLAIN TRUTH IS THAT OUR SCHOOLS ARE FAILING THE GRADE -- AND BY DELAYING ACTION TO HELP THEM, CONGRESS IS FLUNKING THE TEST. / YOU KNOW THE STORY.

**WE ARE DEAD LAST AMONG INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS IN MATH AND SCIENCE. LAST MONTH, SAT SCORES WERE RELEASED -- DOWN FOR THE FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR. VERBAL SCORES HAVE NEVER BEEN LOWER. //**

**FOR TWO YEARS WE HAVE PRODDED CONGRESS TO PASS OUR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE ACT -- ASKING IT TO HELP MAKE AMERICA #1 IN EDUCATION BY THE YEAR 2000. BUT CONGRESS HAS PLAYED HOOKY. ((IN ALL FAIRNESS, I'VE TRIED PLAYING HOOKY FROM MY WORD PROCESSING HOMEWORK. NO LUCK.**

**IT'S HARD TO CONVINCe ANYBODY THAT MILLIE ATE THE COMPUTER.)) //**

**OUR EDUCATION STRATEGY -- "AMERICA 2000" -- INVOLVES FOUR TRACKS: ACCOUNTABLE SCHOOLS FOR TODAY; A NEW GENERATION OF SCHOOLS FOR TOMORROW; A NATION OF STUDENTS COMMITTED TO A LIFE-TIME OF EDUCATION; AND COMMUNITIES WHERE LEARNING CAN HAPPEN. //**

**THE BAD NEWS FOR CONGRESS: THIS REVOLUTIONARY REFORM DOESN'T COST MUCH MONEY, AND MOST OF THE IMPORTANT ACTION WILL TAKE PLACE BEYOND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S REACH. THE GOOD NEWS FOR AMERICANS: IT CAN PRODUCE REVOLUTIONARY RESULTS. //**

**OUR DOMESTIC AGENDA CAN DO THE SAME IN DRUGS. AMERICA'S FIRST NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY HAS ALREADY MADE PROGRESS.**

**ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT 18-MONTH REPORTING PERIOD, OVERALL DRUG USE IN AMERICA FELL AN ESTIMATED 11 PERCENT. //**

**WE ARE MOVING AHEAD ON THE ENVIRONMENT. RECENTLY, I SIGNED INTO LAW THE CLEAN AIR ACT -- WHICH EMBODIES OUR COMMITMENT TO PRESERVE OUR NATIONAL RESOURCES WHILE PROMOTING ECONOMIC GROWTH.**

**OUR DOMESTIC AGENDA INCLUDES CIVIL RIGHTS. //**

I WANT TO SIGN A CIVIL RIGHTS BILL THAT INVITES ALL AMERICANS TO JOIN THE BATTLE FOR TRUE EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY. // WE NEED TO RESTORE CIVILITY TO CIVIL RIGHTS. AND ONE WAY TO BEGIN IS BY HAVING CONGRESS GIVE MY CIVIL RIGHTS BILL A FAIR HEARING. I WILL NOT SIGN A QUOTA BILL LIKE THE ONE I VETOED LAST YEAR. // I'M STILL HOPEFUL WE CAN GET A DECENT CIVIL RIGHTS BILL THAT MOVES AGAINST DISCRIMINATION WITHIN THE WORKPLACE.

WE ALSO HAVE DEVOTED A GREAT DEAL OF ENERGY TO FIGHTING CRIME. I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT AFTER 2-1/2 YEARS, WE FINALLY HAVE MADE PROGRESS TOWARD ENACTING A COMPREHENSIVE CRIME BILL THAT HELPS POLICE TAKE CRIMINALS OFF THE STREET -- SO THAT AMERICANS CAN TAKE BACK THE STREETS.

OUR VIOLENT CRIME CONTROL PACKAGE ASKS CONGRESS TO BACK UP OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WITH LAWS THAT ARE FAIR, FAST, AND FINAL.

**THESE PROPOSALS TELL CRIMINALS: YOU WILL SERVE THE TIME. THEY TELL LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS: WE WILL RECLAIM OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. // A BIPARTISAN COALITION IN THE SENATE HAS PASSED A BILL THAT INCLUDES MOST OF THE FEATURES IN OUR ORIGINAL LEGISLATION. WE LOOK FOR THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TO ACT WITH EQUAL RESPONSIBILITY, SO THE FULL HOUSE MAY FOLLOW SUIT. //**

**AS YOU KNOW, I'VE HAD TO VETO SOME BAD LEGISLATION.**

**BUT OUR DOMESTIC AGENDA CANNOT BE ENACTED THROUGH PRESIDENTIAL VETOES ALONE. SO FAR I'VE USED THE VETO 22 TIMES -- AND NOT A SINGLE ONE HAS BEEN OVERRIDDEN. I'LL CONTINUE TO USE IT AS OFTEN AS IT'S NEEDED. THE VETO IS A USEFUL POWER, AND OFTEN ENABLES ME TO WORK WITH CONGRESS TO IMPROVE LEGISLATION -- TO GIVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE LAWS THEY WANT, LAWS THAT ADVANCE THEIR INTERESTS.**

EVEN BETTER IS THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE. IF YOU  
LIKE WHAT WE'VE DONE ABROAD, HELP US MOVE HERE AT HOME.

// HELP ME, AS TEDDY ROOSEVELT SAID, HELP THE  
EXECUTIVE BE "REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE."

YOU HELPED ELECT ME PRESIDENT. YOU CAN HELP ELECT  
A CONGRESS THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR "THIS LAST  
BEST HOPE OF EARTH." /

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE, AND WILL DO IN THE  
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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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**RESPONSE:**

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: EAGLES LUNCHEON  
MAYFLOWER HOTEL  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1991

✓ ackn. (Kaufman) { Bill McManus  
Yeutter - not attending  
Austin

Let me thank Larry Bathgate, RNC Finance Chairman. Thanks,

Larry -- and now, Raise More Money! // I want to also salute my

good friend (Kauf)

Bobby Holt, ~~a fellow Texan.~~ But most of all, thanks to you

Republican Eagles who give of your time and of yourselves --

whose generosity and richness of spirit help America soar. //

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good!  
(Mrs)  
Thank you - CS

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Yes  
Yes

We also need a strong legislative branch -- one that balances its duty to constituents with responsibility to the greater good. // <sup>(On this one point, I disagree with him. (Porter))</sup> ~~I do not believe, as Lincoln once said, that "I have been told I was on the road to hell, but I had no idea it was just a mile down the road with a dome on it."~~ // I do believe that we need <sup>Representatives or people in Congress</sup> ~~Congressmen~~ who know that the system of <sup>(Broken)</sup> checks and balances does not mean writing out checks -- and spending the <sup>public's</sup> ~~people's~~ hard earned money -- to appease special interests. //

Yes  
No

Yes

(Boskin)

And, of course, we need a strong Executive. / A President's powers are co-equal to Congress -- but quite different. He / or, yes, Barbara, she / along with the Vice-President / is the only official elected by the <sup>entire (Counsel)</sup> country.

she will not be attending (Kauf)

Yes

The Constitution grants the President considerable authority in the area of foreign relations -- and imposes equally awesome responsibilities to <sup>provide (Counsel)</sup> provide peace and prosperity.

C.S.

If you doubt what this was meant, just look at the record.

What exactly are you trying to say? Confusing. (Porter) See memo.

No

Yes, Powell is right

While our foreign policy may not win a lot of votes in the Democrat controlled Congress, I think we have done all right in recent years. //

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Invaded + plundered (Porter)

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great! (Gardner) yes

((Incidentally, given the dramatic changes in the Soviet Union, let me deny reports that I'll soon hold a summit with the world's most venerable remaining Communist leader. I have absolutely no plans of meeting with Gus Hall.)) //

great! (Gardner)

I wish I could tell you that we stand ready to unleash a domestic Desert Storm, but as you know, the Constitution wisely balances the President's domestic powers. The President can propose -- but only Congress can legislate. /

can have a magic word (D<sup>2</sup>)

cautiously (Counsel)

No to talking like OMB

As a result, a president cannot govern without cooperation from Congress. Unfortunately, many people in Congress have no desire to help us advance our domestic agenda. // Their agenda is to block ours. //

Needs a TP on Bob Gates + OMB now critical an appt. this is! (P. Smith)

Mention 100 days challenge now at 100+60? (Iron) yes

It has been said that "a politician thinks of the next election -- a statesman thinks of the next generation." Today,

C.S.

Last domestic C said we could enact the people's agenda in 100 days. It's now days late, and Congress still hasn't acted. Now has it moved on another crucial issue -- approving my nomination as Bob Gates as the new director of the CIA.

Congress has too few statesmen and too many politicians. If Congress can't clean up its act, we must act to clean up the Congress. //

Yes

Let's face it. There's something wrong when it's easier to get ~~foreign~~ <sup>Iraqi (Counsel)</sup> forces out of Kuwait than it is for the Administration to get domestic programs through Congress. / It's not a question of fault. It is a question of philosophies. // Liberal Democrats measure progress by dollars spent and bureaucracies built. If you don't spend money or create new bureaucracies, they accuse you of doing nothing. But let me tell you: It takes a lot of gall to describe the 1.1 trillion dollars that Americans pay in federal taxes as "nothing" -- or not enough. We don't need more spending or taxes. We need a better return on our tax dollars.

Yes

And that's where you come in. Republicans don't measure results in terms of greenbacks. They measure it by lives enriched and families helped. Remember: GOP means growth, opportunity, and prosperity. //

Yes

Yes

We have tried for more than two years to promote the causes of growth, opportunity and prosperity. Yet <sup>too many</sup> ~~each~~ initiative <sup>has</sup> ~~run~~ <sup>VE</sup> into a blockade <sup>sought the ongoing liberation of</sup> manned by the same ~~liberal~~ Democrats who moaned when we went into Panama / when we <sup>(D2)</sup> ~~liberated~~ Kuwait. / <sup>undertook to liberate (Porter)</sup> Too often it seems that we have a Congress that would rather investigate than legislate. They don't understand that the American people didn't elect me to enact their agenda.

OMB

Yes

↑ a Democratic Congress' agenda (McClure)

Remember the capital gains tax cut? This simple initiative could unleash a new wave of entrepreneurship -- and hand power to the powerless. <sup>The Democratic Leadership (McClure)</sup> Senate leaders wouldn't even permit a vote on it.

Look at transportation. We want a bill that works. Some in the House of Representatives want a bill ~~longer than a conga line of diesels~~ <sup>long on pork. (D2)</sup> / They want a nickel gas tax increase. We want to stop nickle and diming our workers. // <sup>Short on performance</sup> ~~longer than a conga line~~ <sup>agallon (iron)</sup> <sup>Partee - conga line?</sup>

Liberal Democrats believe in paternalism -- where government makes decisions for people. We believe in potential -- giving people freedom, and letting them make decisions for themselves.

We hope Congress will act on another part of our domestic agenda -- education. The plain truth is that <sup>are (D2)</sup> schools are failing the grade -- and by delaying action to help them, Congress is flunking the test. / You know the story. We are twelfth among industrialized nations in math and science -- dead last. Two weeks ago, SAT scores were released -- down for the fourth straight year. Verbal scores have never been lower. //

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Dodging homework won't help this generation and the generations to come. // We need better discipline, better

C.S.

-- Not do the whole job, just do its part.

Congress is but a small part of our education agenda. That should be made more clear. (D2)

schools, and greater choice in schools. We need less finger-pointing -- and more parental involvement. //

The bad news for Congress: This revolutionary reform doesn't cost much money. The good news for Americans: It can produce revolutionary results. //

Our domestic agenda includes civil rights. // I want to sign a civil rights bill that invites all Americans to join the battle for true equality of opportunity, that tries to ~~create~~ <sup>recapture (Porter)</sup> the atmosphere of trust and brotherhood that enabled this nation to do great things in the 1960s. // We need to restore civility to civil rights. <sup>(Yes)</sup> ~~(This doesn't mean that we want to sweep discrimination beneath a rug. It means that we want to build a coalition that no bigot can defeat -- and that no decent American can resist.)~~ <sup>And one way to begin is by having Congress give my civil rights bill a fair hearing. (Counsel)</sup> <sup>?(Boskin)</sup>

But I will not sign a quota bill like the one I vetoed last year. (Counsel)

(Yes)

We also have devoted a great deal of energy to fighting crime. I am happy to report that after 2-1/2 years, we finally have made progress toward enacting a comprehensive crime bill that helps police take criminals off the street -- so that Americans <sup>can (McClure) (Justice)</sup> have take back the streets.

(Yes)

Nearly two and a half years ago, I announced our Violent Control package (Justice) ~~Crime Act legislation~~ -- asking Congress to back up our law enforcement officials with laws that are <sup>(NO) efficient (Justice)</sup> fair, fast, and final.

(Yes)

That package starts with a common sense proposition: Don't send police into battle wearing handcuffs. // We proposed stiff penalties for criminals using semi-automatic weapons, an improved exclusionary rule, and reforms that prevent sharp lawyers from

substitute for (7):

And perhaps most important, we need a serious overhaul of the habeas corpus system. (Counsel)

using technicalities to prevent our justice system from punishing criminals who already have been convicted. /

\* These 2 sentences are not accurate (Porter) See memo

These proposals tell criminals: You will serve the time. / They tell law-abiding citizens: We will reclaim our neighborhoods. //

Federal (Porter)

Our package also says: Let's give our law officers the respect they deserve -- by imposing the death penalty on those who kill a law enforcement officer -- by punishing drug kingpins who threaten a Federal witness, a juror, or a judge. \* We want a good-faith exception to the exclusionary rule. There's no reason that good police officers should be penalized and criminals freed because a lawyer or judge bungled a search warrant. //

Easy cut. Too specific. Speech is too long.

In short, the time has come to show less compassion for the architects of crime and more compassion for its victims. I'm very happy that a bipartisan coalition in the Senate has passed a bill that includes most of the features in our original legislation. We look for the House Judiciary Committee to act with equal responsibility, so the full House may follow suit. //

yes cut

40 \* But our domestic agenda cannot be enacted through Presidential vetoes alone. So far I've used the veto 21 times -- it's been upheld every time -- and I'll continue to use it as often as it's needed. The veto is a useful power, and often enables me to work with Congress to improve legislation -- to give the American people laws they want, laws that advance their interests. (Counsel)

Even better is the power of the people. If you like what we've done abroad, elect more Republicans and let us mount a long

NO

As you may know, I've had to veto some bad legislation. But, our... (DZ)

to (D2)

~~overdue Domestic Desert Storm.~~ // Help me, as Teddy Roosevelt said, help government "be representative of the people as a whole." //

TR was perhaps my favorite President. Once, he wrote a letter to Henry Cabot Lodge. In it, he talked about his philosophy of the Presidency. "I think it should be a powerful office," he said, "and I think the President should use without hesitation every power the position yields."

I have -- I intend to -- but I can do so only with your support. For the President draws strength only from the people - - and to this President, you are the real strength of the Presidency. You care. / You work. / You give. / You dream.

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ye

You helped elect me President. You can help elect a Congress that ~~wants to~~ <sup>Will (Porter)</sup> make a difference. Not for any special interest -- but for the common interest of "this last best hope of earth."

Thank you for what you've done, and will do in the future. And God bless the United States of America.

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The NSC staff concurs in the above-referenced matter subject to changes on pages 3 and 5.

  
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September 7, 1991

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Brent Scowcroft

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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Must have the opportunity for the quality education that they can get only from a UNCF school.

I am fighting the fight of a lifetime. It's a tough fight, and only God knows how it will come out.

The challenge faced by America's black kids today is every bit as tough. The Stanley Scott Scholarship Fund is our chance to make sure that theirs is a fight they can win.

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One more personal observation, if I may.

This <sup>is</sup> the time of life when ~~you~~ <sup>I</sup> total up ~~my~~ <sup>my</sup> balance sheet.  ~~Mine has a lot of debts~~ <sup>I have a lot of debts.</sup>

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I feel blessed and fortunate to know all of you and to count each of you as a friend.

I can't be certain about the outcome of this latest challenge. But I can be certain that my respect for you and

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*  
SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Eagles Luncheon

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: EAGLES LUNCHEON  
MAYFLOWER HOTEL  
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Let me thank Larry Bathgate, RNC Finance Chairman. Thanks, Larry -- and now, Raise More Money! // I want to also salute Bobby Holt, a fellow Texan. / But most of all, thanks to you Republican Eagles who give of your time and of yourselves -- whose generosity and richness of spirit help America soar. //

((It's great to be here. I think this hotel was named after the ship that some of my ancestors sailed to America on. They were easy to spot. / They were the ones who spent the whole trip fishing without catching anything.)) //

((It's also a pleasure to be with you after a tumultuous month. Someone told me that visitors to Lenin's tomb haven't been able to get a good look at him since Communism's collapse. He's still spinning.)) /

((It's funny. I remember the days when news of a sudden overthrow in August just meant the New York Yankees had changed managers again.)) //

Today, I want to talk not of managers but leadership -- including the leadership you help provide through your support of the RNC. / You are Republicans because you believe in hard work and family / in religious faith and private enterprise / in freedom and democracy -- in America. // You support the kind of leadership that can make those ideals a reality. //

Our Founding Fathers established a form of government that diversifies the task of leadership -- while respecting the fact that America's real leaders are America's people.

The founders divided power between three branches: judicial, legislative, and executive. We need a strong Judiciary -- and let me say: We can ensure that by helping Judge Clarence Thomas become the next <sup>Associate</sup> Justice of the Supreme Court. // This independent man will maintain a strong, fair, and impartial judiciary. // He knows our Supreme Court exists to interpret laws -- not write them.

We also need a strong legislative branch -- one that balances its duty to constituents with responsibility to the greater good. // ~~I do not believe, as Lincoln once said, that "I have been told I was on the road to hell, but I had no idea it was just a mile down the road with a dome on it."~~ // I do <sup>On this one point, I don't agree w/ him</sup> believe that we need Congressmen who know that the system of checks and balances does not mean writing out checks -- and spending the people's hard earned money -- to appease special interests. //

And, of course, we need a strong Executive. / A President's powers are co-equal to Congress -- but quite different. He / or, yes, Barbara, she / along with the Vice-President / is the only official elected by the country.

The Constitution grants the President considerable authority in the area of foreign relations -- and imposes equally awesome responsibilities to provide peace and prosperity.

While our foreign policy may not win a lot of votes in <sup>require?</sup> ?  
Congress, I think we have done all right in recent years. //

When a dictator crushed hopes for democracy in his homeland and endangered the Western Hemisphere -- we helped the Panamanian people restore free elections and the rule of law. //

When a brutal tyrant raped Kuwait -- we helped build an international coalition that rolled back his aggression and liberated a land. /

As Communism crumbled, we extended a helping hand and made it clear that Americans will support those who promote democracy, free enterprise and individual liberty. // So you tell me: What do you think about our use of the foreign policy powers? //

((Incidentally, given the dramatic changes in the Soviet Union, let me deny reports that I'll soon hold a summit with the world's most venerable remaining Communist leader. I have absolutely no plans of meeting with Gus Hall.)) //

I wish I could tell you that we stand ready to unleash a domestic Desert Storm, but as you know, the Constitution wisely balances the President's domestic powers. The President can propose -- but only Congress can legislate. /

As a result, a president cannot govern without cooperation from Congress. Unfortunately, many people in Congress have no desire to help us advance our domestic agenda. // Their agenda is to block ours. //

It has been said that "a politician thinks of the next election -- a statesmen thinks of the next generation." Today,

Congress has too few statesmen and too many politicians. If Congress can't clean up its act, we must act to clean up the Congress. //

Let's face it. There's something wrong when it's easier to get foreign forces out of Kuwait than it is for the Administration to get domestic programs through Congress. / It's not a question of fault. It is a question of philosophies. // Liberal Democrats measure progress by dollars spent and bureaucracies built. If you don't spend money or create new bureaucracies, they accuse you of doing nothing. But let me tell you: It takes a lot of gall to describe the 1.1 trillion dollars that Americans pay in federal taxes as "nothing" -- or not enough. We don't need more spending or taxes. We need a better return on our tax dollars.

And that's where you come in. Republicans don't measure results in terms of greenbacks. They measure it by lives enriched and families helped. Remember: GOP means growth, opportunity, and prosperity. //

We have tried for more than two years to promote the causes of growth, opportunity and prosperity. Yet each initiative has run into a blockade manned by the same liberal Democrats who moaned when we went into Panama / when we liberated Kuwait. / Too often it seems that we have a Congress that would rather investigate than legislate. They don't understand that the American people didn't elect me to enact their agenda.

Remember the capital gains tax cut? This simple initiative could unleash a new wave of entrepreneurship -- and hand power to the powerless. Senate leaders wouldn't even permit a vote on it.

Look at transportation. We want a bill that works. Some in the House of Representatives want a bill longer than a conga line of diesels. / They want a nickel gas tax increase. We want to stop nickle and diming our workers. //

Liberal Democrats believe in paternalism -- where government makes decisions for people. We believe in potential -- giving people freedom, and letting them make decisions for themselves.

We hope Congress will act on another part of our domestic agenda -- education. The plain truth is that schools are failing the grade -- and by delaying action to help them, Congress is flunking the test. / You know the story. We are twelfth among industrialized nations in math and science -- dead last. Two weeks ago, SAT scores were released -- down for the fourth straight year. Verbal scores have never been lower. //

What you may not know is that for two years we have prodded Congress to pass our Educational Excellence Act. We've asked it to help make America No. 1 in education by the year 2000. Congress has responded by playing hooky. // ((In all fairness, I've tried playing hooky from my homework wordprocessing lessons. // No luck. // It's hard to convince anybody that Millie ate the computer.)) //

Dodging homework won't help this generation and the generations to come. // We need better discipline, better

schools, and greater choice in schools. We need less finger-pointing -- and more parental involvement. //

The bad news for Congress: This revolutionary reform doesn't cost much money. The good news for Americans: It can produce revolutionary results. //

Our domestic agenda includes civil rights. // I want to sign a civil rights bill that invites all Americans to join the battle for true equality of opportunity, that tries to <sup>recapture</sup> (create) the atmosphere of trust and brotherhood that enabled this nation to do great things in the 1960s. // We need to restore civility to civil rights. This doesn't mean that we want to sweep discrimination beneath a rug. It means that we want to build a coalition that no bigot can defeat -- and that no decent American can resist.

We also have devoted a great deal of energy to fighting crime. I am happy to report that after 2-1/2 years, we finally have made progress toward enacting a comprehensive crime bill that helps police take criminals off the street -- so that Americans have take back the streets.

Nearly two and a half years ago, I announced our Violent Crime Act legislation -- asking Congress to back up our law enforcement officials with laws that are fair, fast, and final.

That package starts with a common sense proposition: Don't send police into battle wearing handcuffs. // We proposed stiff penalties for criminals using semi-automatic weapons, an improved exclusionary rule, and reforms that prevent sharp lawyers from

using technicalities to prevent our justice system from punishing criminals who already have been convicted. /

These proposals tell criminals: You will serve the time. /  
They tell law-abiding citizens: We will reclaim our neighborhoods. //

Our package also says: Let's give our law officers the respect they deserve -- by imposing the death penalty on those who kill a <sup>Federal</sup> law enforcement officer -- by punishing drug kingpins who threaten a Federal witness, a juror, or a judge. We want a good-faith exception to the exclusionary rule. There's no reason that good police officers should be penalized and criminals freed because a lawyer or judge bungled a search warrant. //

In short, the time has come to show less compassion for the architects of crime and more compassion for its victims. I'm very happy that a bipartisan coalition in the Senate has passed a bill that includes most of the features in our original legislation. We look for the House Judiciary Committee to act with equal responsibility, so the full House may follow suit. /

Our domestic agenda cannot be enacted through Presidential vetoes alone. So far I've used the veto 21 times -- it's been upheld every time -- and I'll continue to use it as often as it's needed. The veto is a useful power, and often enables me to work with Congress to improve legislation -- to give the American people laws they want, laws that advance their interests.

Even better is the power of the people. If you like what we've done abroad, elect more Republicans and let us mount a long

overdue Domestic Desert Storm. // Help me, as Teddy Roosevelt said, help government "be representative of the people as a whole." //

TR was perhaps my favorite President. Once, he wrote a letter to Henry Cabot Lodge. In it, he talked about his philosophy of the Presidency. "I think it should be a powerful office," he said, "and I think the President should use without hesitation every power the position yields."

I have -- I intend to -- but I can do so only with your support. For the President draws strength only from the people - - and to this President, you are the real strength of the Presidency. You care. / You work. / You give. / You dream.

You helped elect me President. You can help elect a Congress that <sup>will</sup> [wants to] make a difference. Not for any special interest -- but for the general interest of "this last best hope of earth."

Thank you for what you've done, and will do in the future.  
And God bless the United States of America.

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