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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM



DATE: 10/4/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ASAP!!!

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REMARKS:

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RESPONSE:

Comments phoned ~~to~~ to Demarest.  
PK  
Paul Kortanta  
10/09/91

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

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October 4, 1991

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*Not only*

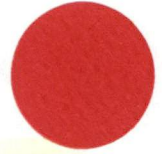
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*but also*

I'll sign a responsible bill in a heartbeat if the Congress would just send me one. I'm just a little bit tired of some in the Congress using one issue after another to back out of the budget agreement. I'm determined to keep the lid on spending, and I'm going to hold Congress to honoring its commitments. Maybe they think they can spend money we don't have -- but I don't. Look, let's be straight with the American people -- we can assist people whose benefits have run out, and we can do it immediately. This isn't about making partisan points. Give me a sensible bill that's paid for, and I'll sign it.

General Comment - perhaps we should mention the Dole-Michael bill as the sensible alternative that we want to sign.

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THE CHIEF of STAFF  
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*I want to and will*

~~Will~~ sign a responsible bill in a heartbeat if the Congress would just send me one. I'm just a little bit tired of some in the Congress using one issue after another to back out of the budget agreement. I'm determined to keep the lid on spending, and I'm going to hold Congress to honoring its commitments. Maybe they think they can spend money we don't have -- but I don't. Look, let's be straight with the American people -- we can assist people whose benefits have run out, and we can do it immediately. ~~This isn't about making partisan points.~~ Give me a sensible bill that's paid for, and I'll sign it.

*And we can do it responsibly. Congress should stop trying to make partisan political points and should get about its business of helping people. It should*



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① Must mention if it is an extended unemployment benefit either here or below

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