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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT BUSH/QUAYLE '92 FUNDRAISING DINNER

Grand Hyatt Hotel
Washington, D.C.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Listen, you talk about a great evening for getting the adrenaline flowing, this is it. I am so grateful to all of you, and I'll start by thanking each and every one of you. And I know Dan agrees with me. I just wish we could have milled through this marvelous crowd longer to tell you how wonderfully we feel about this event, and how grateful we are to each and every one of you.

First, let me thank Barbara Franklin -- a special treat to be introduced by her -- and salute her husband, Wally, and thank them for a job well-done. To the guy on my right, George Webster, thank you, sir, for your leadership. You and your Barbara, this one, have done a great job in organizing this event. (Applause.) And may I thank your wife Ann, too. (Applause.) And I want to salute our party leaders, Jeannie Austin and Clayton Yeutter, who are with us here tonight. They're doing a superb job for all of us. (Applause.) And Bobby Holt, my and Dan's National Finance Chairman, who is organizing these wonderful events all around the country, I'm grateful to him. (Applause.)

And my special thanks to Reverend Tully, our old friend, for that moving and fitting invocation. We're very grateful. And to the members of my Cabinet that are here tonight: Secretary Derwinski is with us, Secretary Madigan, Secretary Watkins, and maybe others, but we're grateful to all of you for the job you're doing for our country and for being with us.

We have a special guest tonight, a longtime friend of Barbara's and mine, who I haven't seen yet but I know he's over here, and that's Governor Jim Martin of North Carolina who's here someplace. (Applause.) Jim, where are you? There he is. (Applause.) And Dottie. (Applause.) Good to see you. We need more like that one, I'll tell you. And, of course, to Pete and to Josh and to Pat and to David, the superior ticket sellers here; and to all of you, once again, my sincere thanks. What a job these leaders have done. Peter, thank you. (Applause.)

And may I single out especially Dan and Marilyn Quayle. I can't tell you what a joy it is to work with Dan. I can't tell you how much respect that Barbara and I have for both of them, and for their wonderful family. And I look forward to going into this campaign with him at my side. (Applause.)

And to everyone here that I haven't mentioned, greetings. I know each of you made personal contributions to this event. And I can't begin, really, to express my gratitude. I'm touched and so are you. (Laughter.) But most of all, as we are looking over the horizon into what's going to be a tough, competitive year, I want to thank all of you for this steadfast loyalty and this support. It really is wonderful, the feeling that we get -- that I get -- I know Barbara does, I know Dan and Marilyn do -- from this turnout, for this enthusiasm. And I'm grateful.

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Let me also go on to thank once again -- I singled out Dan -- but thank him for his selfless contributions to this administration and to the American people. He's out there working for these issues every single day. He's out around the country every single day. And I am grateful for what he does. I think the American people see him as a leader and I know they see him as a dedicated part of this administration who is determined to succeed, to see all of us succeed. So, Dan, once again my thanks to you. (Applause.)

So today, we want to begin to give you your money's worth. We begin to do to the Democrats what the Redskins have done this season to their foes. (Applause.) That includes the Houston Oilers. (Laughter.) Coming over, you see. (Laughter.)

No, we're going to have to fight many opponents, of course. And in recent weeks -- you begin to see it -- this political rhetoric in this nation has turned I think demagogic; I think it's turned ugly. And that's just in Doonesbury. (Laughter.) But while our opponents seem to pile on and busy themselves with what I really do believe our cheap shots, Dan and I look at it this way: We have important work assigned to us. And, yes, the Democrats have a plan, and -- I really believe this -- I think it's to fight our agenda every step of the way. I'm not going to let the name-calling and piling on get me down.

You see, I think we do have the ideas. I think we've got the answers. And frankly, we have the record. And the Democrats have a plan, and I am positive this is right -- I think the politicians out in this audience will tell you this -- and that plan is for all the candidates, for their congressional leadership -- not every member of Congress on that side, but for the congressional leadership and the Democratic National Committee to go out and knock the hell out of the President every single day. And forget that they're there to legislate. Forget the country is crying out for help in solving some really tough problems and just criticize. And thus, hoping to get out from under the blame that the American people are properly putting on them.

And I am going to continue to hold out my hand to try to get much-needed legislation to help people. But I'll be honest with you, I'm a little tired of this crying and carping from the liberal partisans on Capitol Hill, and I'm going to take that to the American people next year. (Applause.)

So in the days and the weeks and the months ahead, let's take our message then out to the people. And let's remind Americans of what we've done, of what we can do, what we're trying to do, and what we must do.

Working people, everyday Americans want a chance to make the American Dream a reality at home -- in the workplace, in their schools, in their neighborhoods, in the streets. And I want them to know that we understand and we want to help. And let me talk about a key issue that separates us from the other party. And I'm talking about the economy.

For more than a decade, Republicans created growth and opportunity and prosperity. And we had to fight every step along the way against the old-fashioned Democrats. And yet since the early '80s, we've unleashed the greatest peacetime economic boom in the history of this country -- 17 million jobs, good jobs, restoring American economic leadership. We showed the rest of the world that Americans can still outwork, outproduce, outinnovate anybody. (Applause.)

But now with the business cycle, we know there are problems out there. And so I intend to fight for the programs to

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make life better for all Americans. And we pursued long-term policies that ensure low inflation, low interest rates, in a culture that rewards innovation and hard work. We believe in responsible government. We put together a budget agreement -- controversial though it was -- that for the first time put firm caps on federal spending. And I think we all know that we took a lot of heat -- I took a lot of heat for that agreement. But I understood the importance of leadership on the budget. And I regret that now the Democrats are trying to bust that budget agreement. Dan and I see it every single day -- some new program, some new effort to break the agreement and add to this already horrendous deficit.

Well, let me tell you something: They can send down all the programs they want with these noble-sounding titles, and I am not going to permit them to bust this agreement that's the only safeguard the taxpayer in America has. (Applause.)

What we're trying hard to do is to get back to the basics. We believe in helping working people build their own fortunes through sweat and determination and, yes, risks. And we believe in giving everyone a full chance to climb the ladder of opportunity. And we believe in fairness, good jobs to people who want to work, fair rewards to people who produce. And to do that we've already helped keep American business competitive by cutting out excessive red tape and regulations.

Particularly in tough times, we must not throw heavy new burdens on an economy just itching to bust free. And Dan Quayle, the Vice President's Competitiveness Council, is doing a great job in this area of cutting back on excessive regulations. And he and I are going to keep on until we can say to you we have succeeded. (Applause.)

And next, we need tort reform. Businesses or doctors, or even private groups shouldn't spend all their time hiring lawyers to protect them, worrying about lawsuits. They should be free to think about ways of giving consumers what they want and need. (Applause.) We have liability reform proposals in the Congress, and I want to see the Congress act now. And if they're not willing to do it, I'm going to take that case to the American people, because liberal or conservative, Republican or Democrat, everybody recognizes we've gone too far on these outrageous claims. (Applause.)

Third, and I say this with some pride, I think we've made good on our commitment to quality education and job training. To build a work force ready and eager to take on the challenges of the 21st century.

And fourth, we're making sure that American businesses get a fair chance to compete in every corner of the global marketplace. We haven't succeeded yet, but we're working hard to do this. We've taken this free trade message to Japan and to the European market. We've won fast track authority for a North American free trade agreement that will create the largest market on Earth -- Canada, America, and Mexico.

Organized labor, frankly, is fighting us on this -- not all of them, but most of them are fighting us on this, as are other special interest groups. But I am determined to get this FTA, this agreement, because American jobs are at stake. And that's more important than the special interest agenda. And we are going to get a fair trade agreement, it's going to be a good one and it's going to create jobs for the American people. (Applause.)

As the debate heats up there on Capitol Hill -- you're beginning to hear it -- let me say this: This is no time to look for scapegoats and wallow in the quicksand of protectionism. We tried that. We tried protectionism once, and we got the worst economic

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depression that the world has ever seen. For the rest of our history we properly have followed the call of free trade, and we became the mightiest economic power on the face of the Earth. And we're going to continue to fight for free and fair trade. (Applause.)

And I might say, if you'll permit me yet one more personal note, I can't believe my ears when I hear the Democrats, particularly the leadership up there in the Congress, complaining because I have gone abroad to fight for American jobs, to fight for the ideals that make us all proud to be Americans. And I was absolutely amazed to hear one of the elected Democratic leaders of the House of Representatives -- elected leader, now -- complain because of my 36 hours in Madrid, where I went there to convene and open an historic conference on peace in the Middle East. Small bore thinking is not what has made this country great. (Applause.)

Let them denigrate the House by selling these crazy little tee shirts. I am going to keep on working for a more peaceful world for the kids of this country -- my grandchildren and your children. And let them take note of that. (Applause.)

I'm confident that our long-term strategy is going to work. I believe we all know that. We also can take some common-sense steps right now to get this sluggish, hurtful economy rolling. Eight months ago -- eight months ago I sent up to the Congress the most comprehensive banking reform package since the 1930's. It would help the credit flow. And no one doubts that our system is dated and obsolete, but the Congress hasn't done what we need done.

And for three years now I've pushed what I believe -- and I think Dan believes -- a dynamic group of growth incentives. A cut in the capital gains rate, family savings accounts, a permanent research and development tax credit, IRAs for first-time home buyers, enterprize zones. You talk about a growth package. It's there. It's up there on the Congress. We've got one. And there's no action on it because of the liberal leadership of the United States Congress. (Applause.)

You know the tale. Democrats complain and then they don't act. This inaction comes with a price to the families of this country. Yes, I've seen the pain in people's eyes. And yes, I've felt the anguish that drove many people to begin the letters, "Dear Mr. President, I've never written to you before, but --" These people are hurting. They're tired of politics as usual. So when we get to campaign time, when and if I decide to become a candidate -- (laughter) -- I am not going to let the American people forget that the Democrats have controlled the House since 1955. But that's entrenched bureaucracy there. They've controlled the Senate in all but six of those years. And they've forgotten that the work for the people, not the other way around. (Applause.)

And as I said in my inaugural address -- and I feel more strongly about it now than I ever have -- Americans didn't send us here to bicker. They sent us here to get the job done. They sent us here to act. And in spite of the attacks, I'm going to keep on reaching out. I'm going to keep on extending my hand so that the people of this country can see some results. That's far more important than the election of anybody -- this President, any congressmen. It's to get something done that's going to help the American people. (Applause.)

And please understand this -- because I know what you get on the evening news every night as a result of the propoganda coming out of that Democratic National Committee -- please understand we are in there every single day slugging it out, and the Democrats are simply unwilling to move.

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Let me give you a quick snapshot of what they've done with the initiatives that I've sent to Congress. I don't believe the American people know this. I think it's important that they do. I sent banking reform legislation -- this isn't doing something for the bankers, this is doing something so we can be competitive and get more loans out there and get out economy moving -- I sent that legislation to Congress on March 20th, 245 days ago. No bill.

I sent crime legislation to the Congress 254 days ago. People are crying out, support these police officers, make our streets safer. No bill.

I sent energy legislation -- I don't like it that we're becoming more dependent on foreign oil. Need to do more -- alternate sources, more petroleum -- whatever it is. I sent that legislation to the Congress 261 days ago. No bill.

I sent a transportation bill, a good one, up to the Hill 280 days ago -- a job-intensive transportation bill, 280 days ago. No bill.

And I've prodded Congress to pass our educational excellence act, and for two years. And guess what -- no bill. We unveiled our America 2000, an innovative reform program for education to help the kids in this country six months ago. No bill. Even though, by next week, 26 states will have enacted their own Year 2000 programs. Kind of trading off from what Lamar Alexander and David Kearns and our great team at the Department of Education is doing. (Applause.)

You'd never guess listening to the partisan critics out there that the Cold War drew to a close on our watch; that the nuclear arms race drew to a halt on our watch; the specter of global war vanished on our watch; and the prospect of a new world order, characterized by peace, prosperity and cooperation, arose on our watch. And I am proud of that record. (Applause.)

These partisan critics up there don't like to recognize that record, and so they try to change the subject. Well, I'm proud of it and I'm going to stay engaged for American jobs and for world peace. You can think of liberal Democrats -- over the last 20 years they were wrong about peace through strength. We didn't win the Cold War by following their soft defense agenda. We won it because we stood foresquare behind a simple idea -- freedom. And we backed it up with muscle.

And now we're in a new era, a more hopeful era. But not one without challenges. And this couldn't have been more clearly demonstrated than in the Persian Gulf. And I can assure you -- and I say it with no rancor -- had I followed the Democrat leaders' advice Saddam Hussein would be in Saudi Arabia as I speak and Schwarzkopf would be back in Saratoga. And that's the way it is. (Applause.)

So -- I'm getting warmed up. Trying this out. (Laughter.) No, but we're going to take this message to the American people. We're going to ask them who they trust to build the vibrant economy -- Republicans or the others? Who they trust to protect our interest abroad, keep our streets safe, assist on the world's best schools. In short, who they trust to make sure that the 21st century will be the next American century. And I'll tell you confidently what their answer is going to be. It's going to be us; it's going to be the Republicans.

Three years ago I talked about making America a kinder and a gentler nation. And I still believe that. I still believe in that goal. But to reach out destiny we've got to move forward on all fronts. We've got to reform education. We've got to strike at the root causes of crime. We've got to get this economy rolling. We've

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got to implement an energy strategy. And I salute Jim Watkins, who is working like the devil for that every single day. We've got to enact the rest of our agenda. (Applause.)

There's an old saying, Texas saying -- Dance with the one who brung you. (Laughter.) Well, our policies have helped bring Americans freedom and peace and prosperity, the likes of which no civilization has ever seen. And so let's stand tall for what we are and what we can do. I really believe that we are and represent America's future. So let's go out and elect a Republican Congress next year. The American people believe in our ideals, in our values, in our abilities. And they can trust us -- with the economy; they can trust us in world affairs. So let's give our voters the America that they want -- a nation that is united in its ideals of generosity, kindness, opportunity, service, and greatness.

I know we can do it. Thank you. And may God bless our great country, the United States of America. Thank you all very, very much. (Applause.)

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: BUSH-QUAYLE FUNDRAISER
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Thank you, Barbara [Franklin]. [Introductory
acknowledgments, jokes]

I want to thank all of you for your loyalty and support, and
for helping me build a coalition that will propel the United
States to new greatness in the years ahead.

In recent weeks, political rhetoric in this nation has
turned demagogic and ugly. (But while our opponents sell silly t-
shirts and call us names,) you and I have better things to do. We
have a responsibility to lead.

We must lead the nation away from the counsel of those who
want to convert America from a beacon of light and hope into a
darkened, insular fortress. It strikes me as truly strange that
some Democrat leaders want this nation of immigrants and dreamers
to turn its back on its historic past -- and its promising
future. It just doesn't make sense. And I cannot believe my
ears when I hear Democrats complaining because I have gone abroad
to fight for world peace, to fight for American jobs, and to
fight for the ideals that make us all proud to be Americans.
Well, I will not apologize for doing the President's job.

America has always envisioned itself as an international power, a preserve of liberty, peace and prosperity.

Our destiny hasn't changed one bit. We remain the most important military, economic, political and moral force on earth, and the policies we pursue here at home, along with those we build abroad, contribute to that greatness.

Today I want to talk about American ideals and the American future. I want to tell you what my Administration will do in the years ahead in the three ^{areas (mcc)} things that matter most to American families: schools, safety and jobs.
 → keyword (counsel) ^{the} safety in streets

Let's start with schools. My Administration has proposed the most sweeping educational reform this nation has seen in more than 200 years, the America 2000 Education strategy. America 2000 will draw upon the wisdom and concerns of mothers and fathers, businessmen and politicians, religious leaders and community activists, and upon our own students to set off a revolution in schooling.

This revolution has very clear and undeniable aims: To make our schools the best in the world, to ensure that our students outperform the students of every other nation in math, English, science, history, geography; and to make every community, every workplace, every home ~~and every street~~ a place where learning can -- and will -- happen.
 → (-) connections (OCA)

Americans have always seen the school as the cornerstone of a society in which people can rise just as far as their abilities and determination will take them. We still want to build a

what you know matters, not who you know (mcc)

country in which ~~it matters not who you know, but what you know,~~ and in which it doesn't matter where you live or how much your parents earn to get the best possible education.

This is outrageous at the University level - need to draw a distinction (OCA)

Well, today our educational system labors under the dead weight of old ways. Our students have fallen behind the students of other nations in the race for excellence. Our teachers must deal with horrors, ranging from crime and drugs to a system that too often looks the other way at inefficiency and corruption.

America 2000 dares ^{every (BT)} Americans to get involved. It challenges schools to compete with one another. It gives parents as much freedom in selecting schools for their children as they receive when they shop for a loaf of bread or a tub of butter.

These aren't critical choices -- parents should be allowed to choose the best public schools because they shouldn't be forced to accept 2nd best (OCA)

America 2000 makes use of the lessons people all around the world have learned in recent years about centralized, one-size-fits-all government programs, the lesson that those programs just don't work.

Under what Am. 2000 stands for (OCA)

America 2000 encourages accountability, choice, innovation, and activism. It promotes education in schools, in homes, in the workplace. And it takes notice of an unpleasant but obvious fact: The old system doesn't work. ^{That (OMB)} A system tailored to meet the needs of a smokestack and ^{a (course)} Cold War world has little relevance for a New World characterized by broader peace and tougher high-tech ^(OMB) or economic ^(OMB) competition.

too vague

Dan Quayle and I have fought and will continue to fight for schools that give our kids a fighting chance, and that tell

students and teachers alike: We believe in you. We know you can be the best. Now, do it!

The Bush-Quayle Administration also has waged a lonely campaign for peace on our streets. I have tried for nearly three years to persuade Congress to pass a comprehensive anti-crime bill. Read the papers. Look at the terrible statistics all around: In the District of Columbia, in Alexandria, in Fairfax County, in Prince George's County.

We had a far lower violent death rate in the Gulf War than many American communities have every day. The American people know this. Congress knows this. And Congress has failed to send me a legislative package that prevents sharp lawyers from helping convicts evade justice; or that includes statutes that make drug kingpins and cop-killers pay for killing others.

It's time Congress stopped tinkering with little pieces of the picture, and showed a little guts. We must take the streets back from the punks who mock the law, and trust me, we will.

We must liberate the courts from cynics who see the law as a tool for delaying justice, rather than delivering it.

And we must tell the brave men and women who put their lives on the line ^{every day (OCS)} in the service of justice and peace: We respect you. We care about you. And we'll do whatever it takes to help you do your jobs. ~~It's outrageous that a Congress that exempts itself from so many laws will not lend a helping hand to our law officers. Public safety isn't some perk reserved for a privileged few.~~ OMB It's the foundation for our greatness as a

nation. It enables people to live their lives, help others and build a generous, creative, productive culture.

The Bush-Quayle Administration understands this, and we will not rest until Congress does what's right and good, and passes a crime package that protects good people and punishes the bad -- not the other way around.

Finally, jobs. Republican administrations understand that you don't create jobs by assembling a new bureaucracy, and you don't create jobs by drafting an industrial policy that micromanages every little aspect of our economic lives. You create jobs by giving people the freedom to do what they do best. You create jobs by keeping taxes low, cutting government spending, trimming away burdensome regulations, and demonstrating simple faith in Americans' ability to out-produce, out-work, out-innovate and out-perform workers anywhere else in the world.

When someone wants to build a business, they don't apply to George Mitchell and Ted Kennedy. They work. They scrimp. They save. They meet payrolls and satisfy customers. But they can't get off the ground if they must spend half their time meeting Washington-made mandates, weaving their way through a regulatory obstacle course, or paying out their last hard-earned dime to the tax man.

These people need our encouragement and support -- not demagogic assaults against the so-called rich. Republicans don't

believe in class warfare. That notion should have vanished with the collapse of communism.

We don't believe in soaking the rich because we know that everytime Democrats try to soak the rich, everyone gets wet and the economy just gets cold. (OMB)

~~We don't believe that America has too many rich people. believe it has too few, and if we got our way, the poor would have access to real, earned riches. They wouldn't be wards of the state. They would serve as examples for everyone.~~

The poor don't become rich through redistribution of wealth. They become rich through ability and opportunity.

Low taxes and regulations in the 1980s produced the greatest economic boom our nation ever has known. The rich paid more in taxes -- in dollars, and as a share of the total tax burden -- than they had in generations. The ranks of the poor shrunk dramatically. Minority unemployment fell precipitously -- including minority teenage unemployment. And we became the economic envy of the world -- so much, that nations all across the globe copied our policies.

Democrats don't seem to have recovered from that, and they have tried ever since to besmear the elections of 1980, 1984 and 1988. Throughout my Administration, they have waged war on the American worker by resisting changes that would make us more competitive -- lower capital gains taxes, tax credits for research and development, a banking package designed to make our

to spur new technology (Coc)

good passages (BT)

division of rich + poor -- filled w/ fat cats makes me uncomfortable -- We able, let's talk about Americans -- not class rich + poor

Sounds like you're defending the rich DELETE (McC)

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to encourage new companies + w/ them new jobs (C&A)

stronger + more
(COCA)

So that they can work with you when you want a savings account for your child or a loan for your dream house or dream business (OCA)

banks competitive worldwide, ~~IRA reforms, tort reform,~~ and, of course, our initiatives on education and crime.

When we wanted to extend a helping hand to unemployed workers, Democrats kept workers dangling for weeks. They used them as political pawns, and tried to manipulate their suffering for political advantage.

Well, Americans have suffered enough for the sake of political symbolism. And I won't let Democrats get away with playing politics when it comes to the lives and fortunes of our working people. I won't let Democrats turn the American worker into a poster child.

We need to call an end to the politics and demagogery and get to the real business at hand -- turning our sluggish economy into a booming one. We must resist the siren calls of protectionists, who don't seem to understand that the last time we tried protectionism, we got the worst economic depression in modern history.

Just Bounce Democrats (BT)

We must push back the isolationists who want to treat our allies as enemies, and who want to return to a pristine time that never existed.

We must shout down those who try to impose quotas on the American people, because numerical games turn people who should be good neighbors and friends into enemies. They destroy the spirit of brotherhood that enabled this nation to push back segregation in the first place.

Long ago I talked about making America a kinder, gentler nation. That challenge still confronts us. That doesn't mean that we as Republicans can be kind to a Democrat-dominated Congress ~~that has shut down for the foreseeable future; a Democrat-controlled Congress that let 11 major domestic initiatives on our part wither and die; a Democrat-run Congress that sees political benefit in doing nothing on education, nothing on crime, nothing on our growth transportation, nothing on energy, nothing on the things that Americans care about.~~

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We don't need to be gentle when Democrat leaders accuse us of having a veto strategy. That's a clever charge, and it's dead wrong. The Democrats have the veto strategy.

They take a good idea, plow it under, then pass a bill that no responsible President could sign. They have decided to waste their time and the nation's drafting bills that I must veto.

You can help put an end to this. Let's join together and elect Republicans next year. Let's join together and do the hard and exciting work of building better schools, safer streets and a more vigorous economy. Let's work even harder to build a basis for world peace. And let's give our voters the America they want -- a nation united in its ideals of generosity, opportunity, service and greatness.

Thank you, and may God bless the United States of America.

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General Comment:

America 2000 section needs ~~to~~ more explicit examples of what defines an education strategy: establishing world class standards; voluntary national exams; report cards at every level to measure student performance; school choice; a system to honor and reward the best teachers; creating 535 schools that "break the mold" and so on. Also, we might add that while Congress fiddles with outdated legislation full of commissions and reports, state and local leaders are busy adopting America 2000 to their own communities.

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: BUSH-QUAYLE FUNDRAISER
GRAND HYATT HOTEL
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Thank you, Barbara [Franklin]. It's always a special treat to be introduced by a Barbara. [Husband, Wally]

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Parenthetically, I cannot believe my ears when I hear Democrats complaining because I have gone abroad to fight for American jobs, to fight for the ideals that make us all proud to be Americans. I was absolutely ~~amazed~~ ^{amazed} to hear one of the Democratic leaders in the House - an elected leader - complain because of my 36 hours in Madrid opening an historic conference

on peace in the Middle East. Small-bore thinking is not what has made this country great - ~~and~~ ^{So} I'll keep on working for a more peaceful world for the kids in this country. \\\

Our long-term strategy will work, and we all know it. But we also can take some common-sense steps right now to get the economy rolling. Eight months ago I sent Congress the most comprehensive banking reform package since the 1930s. No one doubts that our system is dated and obsolete. But Congress hasn't done what we need done.

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Yet the Democrat-dominated Congress has become a Bermuda Triangle for the initiatives Americans want, and Congressional Democrats are content to fall back on a veto strategy. They look at our constructive initiatives, plow them under, then send me bills that no responsible President can sign. Then, when I do my job, they complain.

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~~Most Liberals never met a defense cut they didn't like.~~ But while they called us warmongers, we built the strong defenses that have created a new era of peace. Just remember what Liberal Democrats have proposed over the past 20 years. I can tell you, if I had followed the advice of liberal Democrats, Saddam Hussein's army would be camped out in Saudi Arabia today.

Remember who we are and what we have done. Republicans brought America to the verge of a world united in its support of democracy, individual liberty and free enterprise -- American ideals. While liberal Democrats blamed America first, Republicans made America first.

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This is the third straight year I have participated in this event sponsored by the NRCC. The first honored that great son of Illinois, House Republican Leader Bob Michel. Last year, we honored the Ranking Republican members of the House. Today, we honor men and women who are all first among equals -- every single GOP member of the House of Representatives.

I am here to say: Today New Jersey, tomorrow the Congress. Of course, the Democrats won't just roll over. We will have to take our fight and our issues to the people. But the times are right and our policies are right. Americans want to free themselves from the tired old ideas of the liberal elite, and get a chance to make the American dream a reality in the workplace, at home, in the schools, and on the streets.

Let's talk about a few of the issues that separate Republicans from the other party. First, the economy. For more than a decade, we Republicans have created growth, opportunity, and prosperity. We presided over the longest peacetime expansion in American history -- since 1981, 17 million new jobs. Yet a record is not something to rest upon. It's something to build upon. We have to take common-sense steps to get our economy moving again. People are hurting and our approach, if Congress would have acted, would alleviate that hurt.

As you might know, our long-term growth strategy is founded on several elements: First, we know we've got to get that deficit down. We've got a budget agreement that puts the squeeze on federal spending. Let's abide by it. We've got to keep inflation under control, as it is right now. We've got to sustain the policies that helped bring interest rates to these historic low levels.

We've also got to keep American business competitive: slash red tape and regulations wherever possible -- draw the line against government mandates that handcuff the American entrepreneur. Competitiveness means real tort reform -- capping obscene liability awards. As a nation, we've got to make good on our commitment to quality education and job training, to ensure a workforce ready for the challenges a new century will bring.

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I'm confident our long-term strategy is on target. But there are steps we've got to take right now. We begin with the overhaul of our antiquated bank system. Every one of you knows how the problems in our banking system plague this economy. So in March, I sent to Congress the first comprehensive bank reform since the 1930's. It's time the Congress enacts real reform.

The same goes for other key proposals. For three years now, I've proposed a package of growth initiatives -- not just capital gains but incentives to encourage saving, like our family savings accounts; increased incentives for R&D to help keep American business competitive; measures to help first-time buyers tap their IRA's to buy that new home; and enterprise zones to unleash the urban entrepreneur. Each one of these initiatives help the economy.

No one knows better than I the state of that economy. I've seen it in people's eyes -- felt it in their hurt. I know what the loss of jobs can mean to dreams, and lives. So I was pleased to reach agreement with Congress on extending unemployment benefits to people in need. We got this done by vetoing the Democrats' budget busting approach -- finally getting legislation that helps people and still honors the spending caps in the budget agreement. Though successful on this, too many of the initiatives we were elected to achieve disappear into the Beltway's version of the Bermuda Triangle -- Capitol Hill.

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You don't have to look far to understand that the American people want a change. The problem is that on crucial business, Congress isn't leading or following, it's just sitting. Here's a solution: Get Congress moving again by electing Republican majorities to the House and Senate. Nowhere is this more true than when it comes to our domestic agenda. Liberals say that we don't have one. What they mean is we don't have their agenda. I'll tell you a secret: We never will have their agenda as long as I am President.

This stall strategy has gone on long enough. Listen to these facts. I mentioned banking reform. On March 20, I sent legislation to Congress. That was 244 days ago. No bill. On March 11, I sent Congress crime legislation to take hoods off the streets. That was 253 days ago. No bill. On March 4, I sent up energy legislation -- 260 days, no bill. On February 13, up went our transportation legislation -- 279 days later, no bill. For two years I've prodded Congress to pass our Educational Excellence Act and for the last six months our America 2000 program. We all know America's schools aren't making the grade. Let's elect more Republicans so that Congress won't continue to flunk the test.

But the problem with Democrats in Congress isn't just our "domestic agenda", it's their determination to live in the last century instead of focussing on the next. Their shortsightedness about our foreign policy achievements proves the point.

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Today America's elementary and secondary educational system labors under the dead weight of old ways. Our students have fallen behind the students of other nations in the race for excellence. Our teachers must deal with horrors, ranging from crime and drugs to a system that too often looks the other way at inefficiency and corruption.

America 2000 confronts that harsh reality and dares every American to get involved. It challenges schools to compete with one another. It gives parents freedom in selecting schools for their children. It's a national travesty that citizens have more freedom of choice in a grocery store than they have in the most vital matter of all -- what kind of education our sons and daughters receive. Let's give our future a chance. Let's fight for school choice. \\\

America 2000 invites the fresh air of innovation and involvement. It demands nothing less than a revolution in education that will enable all Americans to compete in the international marketplace of goods and ideas.

Our national education strategy sets goals we all support: World class educational standards, voluntary national exams; report cards that enable us to measure student performance at all levels; school choice; a system that honors quality teachers; a program to create at least 535 "break the mold" schools.

Dan Quayle and I will continue to fight for schools that give our kids a fighting chance. Let's stop warehousing our children in schools, and start challenging them. Let's stop heaping burden after burden upon our teachers and give them a chance to look at their students and teach. Let's stop making excuses and build the world's best educational system.

The Bush-Quayle Administration also has waged a lonely campaign for peace on our streets. I have tried for nearly three

years to persuade Congress to pass a comprehensive anti-crime bill. But while Congress dawdles, people suffer.

Read the papers. Look at the terrible statistics all around: In the District of Columbia, in Alexandria, in Fairfax County, in Prince George's County.

We had a far lower violent death rate in the Gulf War than we have in many American communities that supposedly are at peace. The American people know this. Congress knows this. I have proposed an aggressive, comprehensive strategy for getting our streets back. But the Democrat-dominated Congress has failed to help. It refuses to pass provisions that prevent sharp lawyers from helping convicts evade justice. It refuses to enact statutes that make drug kingpins and the killers of federal law-enforcement officers pay for their crimes.

It's time Congress stopped tinkering with little pieces of the picture, and showed a little guts. We must take the streets back from the punks who mock the law, and trust me, we will.

We should tell the brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day: We respect you. We care about you. And we'll do whatever it takes to help you do your jobs.

Our greatness as a nation rests upon our ability to promote public safety. When people live safe and free, they can work hard. They can help their neighbors. They can concentrate on building a better life with their families. They can join in building a generous, creative, productive culture.

The Bush-Quayle Administration will not rest until Congress passes a crime package that protects good people and punishes the bad -- not the other way around. Our people want law and order. If we elect more Republicans next year, they will get it.

Finally, jobs. Republican administrations understand that you don't create jobs by assembling a new bureaucracy. You don't create jobs by drafting an industrial policy in which government bureaucrats micromanage every little aspect of our economic lives.

You create jobs by giving people the freedom to do what they do best. You create jobs by keeping taxes low, restraining government spending, trimming away burdensome regulations, and demonstrating simple faith in Americans' ability to out-produce, out-work, out-innovate and out-perform workers anywhere else in the world.

When someone wants to build a business, they don't apply to George Mitchell and Ted Kennedy.

They work. They scrimp. They save. They meet payrolls and satisfy customers. But they can't get off the ground if they must spend half their time meeting Washington-made mandates, weaving their way through a regulatory obstacle course, or paying out their last hard-earned dime to the tax man.

Entrepreneurs need our encouragement and support -- not demagogic sermons about class warfare. Not even communists believe that society consists of two conflicting classes. Isn't it time that liberal Democrats got the message?

We don't believe in soaking the rich because we know that every time Democrats try to soak the rich, everyone gets wet -- and the middle class nearly drowns.

We believe in helping working people build their own fortunes through sweat, through risk, through determination.

We believe in working to give everyone a fair and full chance to climb the ladder of opportunity. We believe in fairness -- good jobs to people who want to work, and fair rewards to people who produce.

Republican economic policies in the 1980s produced the greatest economic boom our nation ever has known. During this boom, the rich paid more in taxes -- in dollars, and as a share of the total tax burden -- than they had in generations. Minority unemployment fell precipitously. And we became the economic envy of the world -- so much, that nations all across the globe copied our policies.

The Tired Old Party never seems to have recovered from the elections of 1980, 1984 and 1988. The voters sent them a message: We like jobs. We like prosperity. We like Republicans.

Throughout my Administration, Democrats have waged war on the American worker by resisting changes that would make us more competitive -- lower capital gains taxes, making permanent the research and development tax credit, a banking package designed to make our banks competitive worldwide, IRA reforms, family

savings accounts, tort reform, and, of course, our initiatives on education and crime.

When we wanted to extend a helping hand to unemployed workers, Democrats kept workers dangling for weeks. They used them as political pawns, and tried to manipulate workers' suffering for political advantage.

Well, Americans have suffered enough for the sake of political symbolism. I won't let Democrats get away with playing politics when it comes to the lives and fortunes of our people. I won't let Democrats turn the American worker into a poster child.

You see, we Republicans don't think compassion and fairness are slogans. They're what decent people do -- without having to receive orders from Democratic leadership.

We need to call an end to the politics and demagogery and get to the real business at hand -- turning our sluggish economy into a booming one. We must resist the siren calls of protectionists, who don't seem to understand that the last time we tried protectionism, we got the worst economic depression in modern history.

We must push back the Dust Bowl Democrats -- the isolationists who want to treat our allies as enemies.

We must shout down those who try to impose quotas on the American people, because numerical games destroy the spirit of brotherhood that enabled this nation to push back segregation in the first place.

Long ago I talked about making America a kinder, gentler nation. I still believe in that goal. But we cannot be kind to those who want to see political benefit in doing nothing to reform education, nothing to strike at the root causes of crime, nothing to ignite the economy, nothing on energy, nothing on the things that Americans care about.

We don't need to be gentle when Democrat leaders accuse us of having a veto strategy. After all, the Democrats are the ones with the veto strategy. They take a good idea, plow it under, then pass a bill that no responsible President could sign.

Fortunately, you can help put an end to this. Let's elect a Republican Congress next year. Let's do the hard work of building better schools, safer streets and a more vigorous economy. Let's build a basis for even broader world peace.

The American people elected us because they believe in our ideals, our values, and our abilities. They trust us with the economy. They trust us in world affairs. And they trust us with their earnings. So let's give our voters the America they want -- a nation united in its ideals of generosity, opportunity, service and greatness.

Thank you, and may God bless the United States of America.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 11/15/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: MONDAY, 11/18/91 3:00pm

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BUSH-QUAYLE FUNDRAISER
 SUBJECT: GRAND HYATT HOTEL - WED. NOV. 20, 1991

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 3:00 p.m., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

See comments - pp 1, 4, 6 + 8 from Bob Brady x4844

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: BUSH-QUAYLE FUNDRAISER
GRAND HYATT HOTEL
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 1991
7:45 P.M.

Thank you, Barbara [Franklin]. [Introductory
acknowledgments, jokes]

I want to thank all of you for your loyalty and support, and
for helping me build a coalition that will propel the United
States to new greatness in the years ahead.

In recent weeks, political rhetoric in this nation has
turned demagogic and ugly. But while our opponents sell silly t-
shirts and call us names, you and I have better things to do. We
have a responsibility to lead.

We must lead the nation away from the counsel of those who
want to convert America from a beacon of light and hope into a
darkened, insular fortress. It strikes me as truly strange that
some Democrat leaders want this nation of immigrants and dreamers
to turn its back on its historic past -- and its promising
future. It just doesn't make sense. And I cannot believe my
ears when I hear Democrats complaining because I have gone abroad
to fight for world peace, to fight for American jobs, and to
fight for the ideals that make us all proud to be Americans.

Well, I will not apologize for doing the President's job. *And*

*I will not join the Democrats refrain of blaming
America first.*

America has always envisioned itself as an international power, a preserve of liberty, peace and prosperity.

Our destiny hasn't changed one bit. We remain the most important military, economic, political and moral force on earth, and the policies we pursue here at home, along with those we build abroad, contribute to that greatness.

Today I want to talk about American ideals and the American future. I want to tell you what my Administration will do in the years ahead in the three things that matter most to American families: schools, safety and jobs.

Let's start with schools. My Administration has proposed the most sweeping educational reform this nation has seen in more than 200 years, the America 2000 Education strategy. America 2000 will draw upon the wisdom and concerns of mothers and fathers, businessmen and politicians, religious leaders and community activists, and upon our own students to set off a revolution in schooling.

This revolution has very clear and undeniable aims: To make our schools the best in the world, to ensure that our students outperform the students of every other nation in math, English, science, history, geography; and to make every community, every workplace, every home and every street a place where learning can -- and will -- happen.

Americans have always seen the school as the cornerstone of a society in which people can rise just as far as their abilities and determination will take them. We still want to build a

country in which it matters not who you know, but what you know, and in which it doesn't matter where you live or how much your parents earn to get the best possible education.

Well, today our educational system labors under the dead weight of old ways. Our students have fallen behind the students of other nations in the race for excellence. Our teachers must deal with horrors, ranging from crime and drugs to a system that too often looks the other way at inefficiency and corruption.

America 2000 dares Americans to get involved. It challenges schools to compete with one another. It gives parents as much freedom in selecting schools for their children as they receive when they shop for a loaf of bread or a tub of butter.

America 2000 makes use of the lessons people all around the world have learned in recent years about centralized, one-size-fits-all government programs, the lesson that those programs just don't work.

America 2000 encourages accountability, choice, innovation, and activism. It promotes education in schools, in homes, in the workplace. And it takes notice of an unpleasant but obvious fact: The old system doesn't work. A system tailored to meet the needs of a smokestack and Cold War world has little relevance for a New World characterized by broader peace and tougher competition.

Dan Quayle and I have fought and will continue to fight for schools that give our kids a fighting chance, and that tell

Amazingly, the Democrats in Congress don't believe in education reform. They are captives of the special interest crowd who wants to leave our education bureaucracy exactly as it was -- no competition, no reward for merit, no account ability for results. I understand that the Democrats have hard time students and teachers alike: We believe in you. We know you can be the best. Now, do it!

The Bush-Quayle Administration also has waged a lonely campaign for peace on our streets. I have tried for nearly three years to persuade Congress to pass a comprehensive anti-crime bill. Read the papers. Look at the terrible statistics all around: In the District of Columbia, in Alexandria, in Fairfax County, in Prince George's County.

We had a far lower violent death rate in the Gulf War than many American communities have every day. The American people know this. Congress knows this. And Congress has failed to send me a legislative package that prevents sharp lawyers from helping convicts evade justice; or that includes statutes that make drug kingpins and cop-killers pay for killing others.

It's time Congress stopped tinkering with little pieces of the picture, and showed a little guts. We must take the streets back from the punks who mock the law, and trust me, we will.

We must liberate the courts from cynics who see the law as a tool for delaying justice, rather than delivering it.

And we must tell the brave men and women who put their lives on the line in the service of justice and peace: We respect you. We care about you. And we'll do whatever it takes to help you do your jobs. It's outrageous that a Congress that exempts itself from so many laws will not lend a helping hand to our law officers. Public safety isn't some perk reserved for a privileged few. It's the foundation for our greatness as a

locking these special interests - but it's time they got out of the way and let us fix the schools!

nation. It enables people to live their lives, help others and build a generous, creative, productive culture.

The Bush-Quayle Administration understands this, and we will not rest until Congress does what's right and good, and passes a crime package that protects good people and punishes the bad -- not the other way around.

Finally, jobs. Republican administrations understand that you don't create jobs by assembling a new bureaucracy, and you don't create jobs by drafting an industrial policy that micromanages every little aspect of our economic lives. You create jobs by giving people the freedom to do what they do best. You create jobs by keeping taxes low, cutting government spending, trimming away burdensome regulations, and demonstrating simple faith in Americans' ability to out-produce, out-work, out-innovate and out-perform workers anywhere else in the world.

When someone wants to build a business, they don't apply to George Mitchell and Ted Kennedy. They work. They scrimp. They save. They meet payrolls and satisfy customers. But they can't get off the ground if they must spend half their time meeting Washington-made mandates, weaving their way through a regulatory obstacle course, or paying out their last hard-earned dime to the tax man.

These people need our encouragement and support -- not demagogic assaults against the so-called rich. Republicans don't

believe in class warfare. That notion should have vanished with the collapse of communism.

We don't believe in soaking the rich because we know that everytime Democrats try to soak the rich, everyone gets wet -- and the economy just gets cold.

We don't believe that America has too many rich people. We believe it has too few, and if we got our way, the poor would have access to real, earned riches. They wouldn't be wards of the state. They would serve as examples for everyone.

The poor don't become rich through redistribution of wealth. They become rich through ability and opportunity.

Low taxes and regulations in the 1980s produced the greatest economic boom our nation ever has known. The rich paid more in taxes -- in dollars, and as a share of the total tax burden -- than they had in generations. The ranks of the poor shrunk dramatically. Minority unemployment fell precipitously -- including minority teenage unemployment. And we became the economic envy of the world -- so much, that nations all across the globe copied our policies.

Democrats don't seem to have recovered from that, and they have tried ever since to besmear the elections of 1980, 1984 and 1988. Throughout my Administration, ^{the other party} they have waged war on the American worker by resisting changes that would make us more competitive -- lower capital gains taxes, tax credits for research and development, a banking package designed to make our

to hold down spending on taxes, and to place America in a better position to compete in world markets

Luckily, the Democrats thought we won those elections through superior tactics. It still hasn't dawned on them that we won because of better ideas. Ideas to foster economic growth.

banks competitive worldwide, IRA reforms, tort reform, and, of course, our initiatives on education and crime.

When we wanted to extend a helping hand to unemployed workers, Democrats kept workers dangling for weeks. They used them as political pawns, and tried to manipulate their suffering for political advantage.

Well, Americans have suffered enough for the sake of political symbolism. And I won't let Democrats get away with playing politics when it comes to the lives and fortunes of our working people. I won't let Democrats turn the American worker into a poster child.

We need to call an end to the politics and demagogery and get to the real business at hand -- turning our sluggish economy into a booming one. We must resist the siren calls of protectionists, who don't seem to understand that the last time we tried protectionism, we got the worst economic depression in modern history.

We must push back the isolationists who want to treat our allies as enemies, and who want to return to a pristine time that never existed.

We must shout down those who try to impose quotas on the American people, because numerical games turn people who should be good neighbors and friends into enemies. They destroy the spirit of brotherhood that enabled this nation to push back segregation in the first place.

Long ago I talked about making America a kinder, gentler nation. That challenge still confronts us. That doesn't mean that we as Republicans can be kind to a Democrat-dominated Congress that has shut down for the foreseeable future; a Democrat-controlled Congress that let 11 major domestic initiatives on our part wither and die; a Democrat-run Congress that sees political benefit in doing nothing on education, nothing on crime, nothing on our growth package, nothing on transportation, nothing on energy, nothing on the things that Americans care about.

A Democrat-run Congress that is a complete captive of the special interests.

We don't need to be gentle when Democrat leaders accuse us of having a veto strategy. That's a clever charge, and it's dead wrong. The Democrats have the veto strategy.

They take a good idea, plow it under, then pass a bill that no responsible President could sign. They have decided to waste their time and the nation's drafting bills that I must veto.

You can help put an end to this. Let's join together and elect Republicans next year. Let's join together and do the hard and exciting work of building better schools, safer streets and a more vigorous economy. Let's work even harder to build a basis for world peace. And let's give our voters the America they want -- a nation united in its ideals of generosity, opportunity, service and greatness.

Thank you, and may God bless the United States of America.

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