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TALKING POINTS
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PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS: NEW HAMPSHIRE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1992

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- o I've got a simple message. You make serious choices in New Hampshire. You don't elect protesters. You take elections seriously and you elect Presidents.
- o I know you've heard your share of negative campaigning -- you know the ads -- the ones that tear people down -- and, I believe, turn people off. Frankly, I don't think New Hampshire voters think this election is about who can trash another's candidacy in a thirty second sound bite.
- o The issue this year -- the one that counts most -- is the economy. And this year, we have two kinds of candidates. We have one candidate who can tell you what he's doing right now. And we have other candidates -- on the left and on the right -- who don't have a clue.
- o I have a two-part plan -- for the short-term, to jumpstart the economy -- and for the long-term to keep us competitive and strong into the next century. I want both parts passed by the Congress this year.

- o My opponents in both parties have carped and complained, but they haven't stepped up and offered a sensible action plan for what they'll do about problems people want solved now. Some have resorted to spreading outright lies about what's in my plan and what isn't.
- o It includes student loan deductions and more importantly, tax relief for America's families with children. My plan is a good plan -- and it will work.
- o I know some candidates like to promote isolationism and protectionism. Well, that's nothing more than a blueprint for failure.
- o America won't succeed economically at home unless it leads economically abroad. So when you vote, you must decide who understands the new world -- the world after the Cold War.
- o And we won't build a better future until we have a Congress that will take on our present challenges. They should start by passing the proposals in our plan that would stimulate the economy right now.
- o My housing proposals will create 1,000 new homes and more than 2,000 new construction jobs in New Hampshire starting this Spring -- if Congress passes it on time -- and it will create 415,000 jobs nationwide and generate \$20 billion in new economic activity
- o The investment incentives in our plan will help businesses grow, buy new equipment and hire new workers.

- o My long-term plan includes comprehensive proposals for education, for health care, for strengthening the family for a New American Century.
- o But it's more of the same from my opponents -- old thinking -- failed notions of isolationism, big government, high taxes, and more regulations.
- o I've spent much of my life in this region of the country. We're neighbors, not strangers, so let me close by asking for your help.
- o I need your help now to persuade Democrat leaders in Congress to get moving on an economic action plan -- and to pass it by March 20. And I need your help in building a foundation for American greatness by electing me for another four years.
- o This year's election will decide America's future. We can follow the path of isolation -- and fall behind. We can follow the path of Big Government -- and fall behind.
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The President's Plan to stimulate jobs can be enacted by March 20. It will stimulate investments by both businesses and individuals and it will allow people to purchase homes for the first time. It will help small businesses -- which are the major source of new jobs -- to obtain funding to expand.

This package costs less than \$7 billion over the next 5 years and is paid for with spending cuts and reforms. We do not need to increase anyone's taxes to get the economy moving. This bill can be enacted immediately, and I will sign it immediately. It will spur the economic recovery, put at least [1/2 million] people back to work and protect others from losing jobs. If the Democrats really cared about jobs - if they really cared about being fair to the American people, they would pass it now and save their debating points about tax increases for the political campaign.

I am committed to increasing the personal exemption for every family with children. This tax cut is also important but for a different reason. The personal exemption is badly out of date and we need to begin to restore its value. That's only fair. And this can be paid for with spending cuts. I have proposed many and I believe the public deserves its share of the peace dividend. I oppose paying for it with tax increases.

Democrats in Congress say that they won't consider but one

tax bill this year and they have been meeting in secret developing a permanent tax increase of \$90 billion over the next five years to fund a temporary two year dollar-a-day tax cut. They are not even trying to stimulate jobs. They are playing political football with this nation's economy. Maybe they think the only way they can win the White House is to try to halt economic recovery. The American people deserve better from their Congress. Tell them to stop fiddling and pass my jobs bill. Then they can fiddle until November and then the people will get their say.

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

- In the President's State of the Union address, he asked Congress to put politics aside and pass a comprehensive economic growth plan to be completed in two parts -- one short term, one long term. Within days, he sent the legislation to implement both parts of this comprehensive plan to Capitol Hill.
- He also asked for quick bipartisan action by March 20th on the short term growth items in his plan that would quickly create jobs and stimulate the economy across the country. Since Democrats in Congress complained about having to deal with his comprehensive plan by that date, the President and his allies in Congress put those short term items in a smaller piece of legislation.
- Unfortunately, the Democratic-controlled Ways and Means Committee decided that partisanship was better than cooperation. They rejected fair consideration of the President's plan. They have offered no plan of their own. Now they're drafting a plan behind closed doors.
- Remember, the President's plan will immediately help create jobs and stimulate the economy. It will increase opportunities to work and earn money.
- The Democrats' package, what we've seen so far, raises taxes in a big way. Among the tax increases, they hike the tax rate 4% -- from 31 to 35% on incomes of \$85,000 (single); \$145,000 (joint); \$125,000 (head of household).
- The question you have to ask is whether a Congress that has consistently shown that it wastes taxpayers' money should be allowed to take any more of any American's hard earned wages.
- The tax increases in the Democrats' package are permanent. The \$200-400 credit they provide to certain taxpayers is temporary. Permanent tax increases for a small temporary cut.
- The President's long-term plan provides middle class families a permanent \$500 increase in the personal exemption for each child. It is part of a permanent long term plan designed to permanently help America's families.
- The President's plan also makes buying your first house affordable to thousands and thousands of Americans. He gives a \$5,000 tax credit to those first time homebuyers -- the Democrats give lip service.

- In short, the Democrats' current plan will not create jobs or stimulate the economy. In the end, it simply feeds more money, taken from hard working Americans, for the Democratic controlled Congress to spend on pet projects.

- If you want jobs, if you want a strong economy, you want the President's plan, not the Democrats tax increases. The Democrats talk about "fairness," they want taxes.