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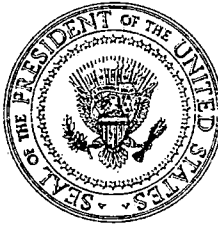
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CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*
SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Address to Southern
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If you have any questions or we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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February 19, 1992

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Deputy Assistant to the President for
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FROM:

JANET REHNQUIST *JK*
Associate Counsel to the President

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks -- Address to Southern
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(Smith/Grossman)
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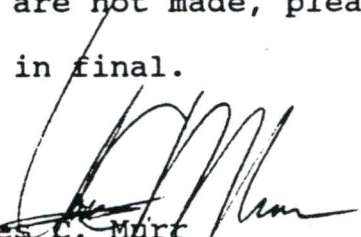
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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 21, 1992
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Assistant to the President
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ADDRESS TO SOUTHERN REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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[ACKNOWLEDGMENTS]

It's great to be here in Charleston. Governor Campbell, we're grateful for your hospitality, and for your leadership as one of our nation's finest governors. It's great to be here in South Carolina -- host for the first time, but I'm sure not the last time -- of the Southern Republican Leadership Conference.

Four years ago the South rose to lead our Party to a stunning victory across this great country. This year the South will rise again to lead us to a victory in November 1992. *Scully/5178*

And just to be perfectly clear about it, I want to be your nominee at the Republican Convention and your President for four more years.

I'll need your support. We've much to do these next few months, because we've much to do these next few years. Together we can finish what we've started and move our country forward.

Let me open with a little story about the old days

Nineteen fifty-____, Midland, Texas -- trying to organize a Republican party. I was a poll judge at primary election time. Barbara and I voted Republican. We represented two-thirds of the Republican vote that year. The only other guy who voted Republican was a drunk who took our ballot my mistake.

You remember those days -- sometimes if you tried to register Republican they'd tell you not to bother -- because

there were no Republicans to vote for in primary elections. Or times when there would be out and out intimidation -- even violence.

We went through a lot back then. In fact, I'm sure many of you can share similar experiences. Why did we do it? Why did we build a Republican Party in the South?

We did it because we wanted change. We did it because we believed in some fundamental values: faith and family -- responsibility and respect -- community and country.

We did it because we saw our government getting too big, getting into our pockets and into every corner of our lives. We did it because we worried about our schools and our neighborhoods and our communities.

We did it because our taxes always seemed to go up at the same time America's problems got worse. Each of us, in our own small way finally said, enough is enough.

We were upstarts and mavericks and gadflies. But we challenged the status quo -- challenged the closed-door, one-party rule of the democrats.

And they fought us every step of the way.

But we fought hard too, and we fought fair. We took our message of smaller government -- better government -- to the people of the Carolinas, and Virginia, and Mississippi, and Florida, and the rest of this great region of America. And we started winning -- at first a House Seat here, a Senate race there. But our momentum grew and grew.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to our standard-bearers in those early days -- Howard Baker and the late John Tower, the Bo Callaways and Bill Brocks, Bill Dickinson and John Paul Hammerschmidt, Mills Godwin and of course the phenomenal favorite son of South Carolina, Strom Thurmond. *Sally / 5178*

They paved the way. They inspired a generation of talent that transformed the nation's political landscape. I'm thinking now of another South Carolinian, a good man and a good friend - -Lee Atwater. We miss him still.

And now the Republican Party of the South is the Party of Carroll Campbell and Phil Gramm and Trent Lott, of Jim Martin and Connie Mack, of Kirk Fordice and Newt Gingrich. The Republican Party is the force for positive change in the New South, and I am proud to have played a role in its success.

Our message then and our message now is simple: We believe government is too big and spends too much. We believe in good schools and safe streets -- and a government worthy of the people's respect. And we believe in a strong defense.

We believe that we put America first when we put America's families first.

So we believe that parents, not the government should make the big decisions. Parents, not government, should choose their children's schools.

Parents, not government, should decide the family's health care --and parents should choose who cares for their children -- not some bureaucrat in Washington D.C.

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And yes, we believe in parents choosing life for the unborn and prayer for their children in the classroom.

Those are our beliefs -- those are why we built a Party in the South and why we continue to build it today. Those beliefs don't change from one election to the next. They still guide each and every one of us, each and every day.

Now we are at the beginning of a new era in America's history. The Cold War is over and America won. The Soviet Union collapsed and imperial communism is finished for good. Bringing change to the world during these tumultuous years was American leadership. Bringing change to America during the coming years will be Republican leadership.

In my heart I am confident about our future. But we've got a lot of work ahead of us. There are some things that are simply on the wrong track in our country. Take our courts, for example. When fathers stop coaching little league because they're afraid of liability lawsuits, something's wrong. When doctors stop delivering babies because they fear a malpractice lawsuit, something's wrong. Or when people stop volunteering to help each other because they fear ambulance-chasing lawyers, something is terribly wrong. These days a sharp lawyer would tell the Good Samaritan -- keep on walking.

We've proposed reforms to our court system to address the question of frivolous lawsuits and that's a good step. But the real answer for solving problems is for Americans to start helping each other and stop suing each other.

Then I think about our nation's health care system. Our health care system provides the highest quality care anywhere in the world. But it's not perfect. We all know that.

Too many people don't have access to health insurance. Too many people worry that they'll lose their coverage if they change jobs or worse still, if they lose their job. And anybody who's had even minor surgery knows that health care costs are going through the roof.

The answer isn't to go down the road of socialized medicine, with its long lines and faceless, impersonal service. If that's what we wanted, we'd put our doctors and nurses to work for the State Department of Motor Vehicles. That's crazy, and besides, it won't work. My approach is to reform our health system, keep the quality high, the bureaucracy low. The last thing we want is the government standing between you and your doctor.

Then there's America's sorry welfare system. It's pretty obvious that the system now too often perpetuates dependency. It should rather promote independence and initiative. We need to encourage individual success through personal responsibility and the dignity of a job. So I've asked my departments and agencies to make it easier for state and local government to reform the system -- to get people to work -- to go after dead-beat fathers who run out on their children -- and to keep families whole.

But we all know what the number one issue on the minds of all Americans is -- it's the economy. It's people worried about

their jobs -- providing for their families, meeting the everyday challenges of paying the bills.

The American people -- your neighbors -- want this economy fired up again. So do I. Many of you heard my State of the Union Address. I put forward a two-part plan -- the first part gets business growing again -- hiring workers again -- upgrading plants and equipment again. *-- without increasing the deficit & without raising taxes* It uses incentives like an investment tax allowance and yes, it is clearly time for Congress to wake up and cut the tax on capital gains. *Taylor 3/19*

And to get housing back on its feet I put forth several straightforward proposals to get people buying and building homes. Perhaps the most easily understood proposal is a \$5,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers. With our plan, young people almost able to buy that first home could do it with the extra \$5000 in their pocket. The House Democrats' plan gives them nothing. *Scully 5/78*

A word about the Democrats' current plan. I say "current" because it seems to change just about every hour. That's why it's really not a plan, it's simply a ~~bad~~ "bad" deal. *a bad one that* It smacks of class warfare. Listen to the trade-off in their deal: 25 cents a day in temporary tax relief for two years -- paid for -- true to form for the Democrats -- by a large permanent tax increase. *Taylor 3/92*

Now some Democrats in the Senate want to make that temporary tax relief permanent -- get a bidding war going. But to pay for that they'd have to hike tax rates for the middle class -- people

making ^{\$}135,000 a year. You know, people like teachers, factory workers, everyday Americans.

Their plan also adds ^{more than} \$30 billion to the deficit, and doesn't create a single job. *Taylor / 3/92*
I believe the American people have about had it with that kind of old thinking.

We drew a line in the sand in the Persian Gulf and kept our word. I'll draw another line in the sand here: if the Democrats send me the kind of nonsense they're talking about now, I'll send it right back.

I sent them a plan -- a good plan -- that's what they ought to spending their time working on -- not some phony partisan maneuver that they know right now won't fly. I'll say it again to the Congress -- here's the deadline -- March 20. If we act by then we can see some results this Spring. No more games, no more empty gestures, just pass my plan and get this economy going again.

I said the plan had two parts. The second part is a long-term plan to keep this country competitive and vigorous right into the next century. Our long range plan ^{provides tax relief to} strengthens the family ~~through tax relief and outlines the health care proposal I mentioned earlier.~~ *Taylor / 3/92*
 Our plan gets the billions of dollars worth of cutting edge government research and development into the hands of our private sector businesses and workers -- faster than ever before. That helps us get a real return on your tax dollars investment -- helping to create new products and new jobs.

Note: Healthy Care is not in the bills that have been introduced. Taylor / 3/92

But a central idea behind our approach is that to succeed economically at home, we have to lead economically abroad. Our exports are at record levels. Isolationism is a bankrupt notion. I simply will not jeopardize the millions of jobs that those exports represent.

Some people wish the rest of the world would just go away. That's naive. But worse, it's a dangerous pre-World War II mentality. They're saying that a level playing field isn't enough -- that American ingenuity, American know-how, and the American can-do spirit, are simply a bunch of hackneyed phrases.

I don't believe it. And neither do you. America is not going to cut and run -- ever.

We believe in America. We are optimistic about its future. And we believe in our Party. I am tremendously fortunate to be serving as your President at this most exciting time in our nation's history.

Yes, we have much to do. But I guarantee you we are up to it. Yes, we have many challenges before us. And I guarantee you, we will meet them -- each and every one of them. Yes, there's an election in November -- and I guarantee you, we will win it. I want to be your President for another four years.

Thank you and God Bless the United States of America.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMO FOR DAVID DEMAREST

FROM: DAN MC GROARTY *dmh*

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN REPUBLICANS SPEECH

I've attached a graph from the New Hampshire legislature speech, FYI. Given the South's strong support for defense in general and Desert Storm in particular, maybe it would be worth working in a similar kick in the shins for those would-be leaders who stood on the sidelines when the President took his stand in Desert Storm.... That said, I'm not quite sure where I'd put it.

I've gone through the whole speech. It reads very well.

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→ [[One thing more about Desert Storm. There are those who
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now. // Not New Hampshire. As Commander-in-Chief, let me thank
this Legislature for its Resolution in support of Desert Storm.
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