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Please be seated. And, Bob, thank you. Thank you for the superior and wonderful job you've done. You know, this is the very first event for the Bush-Quayle fundraising effort. And we wanted to start amongst friends, and we wanted to get somebody good, somebody effective to head this dinner. And I can't think of anybody better than Bob Cruikshank and all those up here and all those out there that have come through. It is wonderful beginning. And I'm grateful, and I know Dan is, to every single one of you.

I want to thank my Vice President, your Vice President and his marvelous wife, Marilyn. I can't begin to tell you of all the things he does. But I think the country now sees his substance and his value, and it's something I see every single day that I'm President as we take on a Congress that, frankly, needs a little leadership up there. I've heard him take the gloves off a little bit there, and that's fine. That suits the heck out of me.

I also want to say to Bob Mosbacher how grateful I am to have him at my side. I know all of you know him. Everybody in this room knows him as a friend. But I know him not just as a friend of longstanding but as an effective member of our Cabinet. And I can tell you, he is out there, domestically, and around the world promoting the American free enterprise system, looking after the interests of American investment. American jobs, here and abroad. And, Bob, I'm very grateful to you.

May I also thank Bobby Holt. Yes, Midland's out there somewhere. [Laughter] Holt is everywhere, and he's doing a wonderful job as our chairman, our national chairman, taking the role Bob Mosbacher had so successfully filled for us in the previous campaign.

Senator Phil Gramm, I agree with everything Dan Quayle said about him. I see him in action. And I'll tell you, when you have the minority in the Senate, when you have to play defense because of the numbers, you want a tenacious bulldog, free thinker, enterprising Senator at your side like Phil Gramm. I'm grateful to him every single day that I'm President.

I want to thank Willie Alexander for being with us, and Reverend Claude Payne, my pastor; Milo Hamilton, of course; and then the Aggies, the Texas A&M Singing Cadets. I don't know how they can still stay standing. This is about a 45-minute speech. Let's see how they do at the end of this one. [Laughter]

It's great to be back. Milo, one slight correction, you said I said, "There's so-and-so." I was looking at Red Adair, and I said, "There's that so-and-so." [Laughter]



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You know, coming back here really does take you back in a sense to roots. I first became active in politics out in Odessa and Midland in '52 when I headed the Eisenhower-Nixon campaign, Barbara at my side. In '56, the same role. I think it was in that year that she and I conducted the very first primary that was ever held in Midland, Texas. Three people -- some of you have heard this story; it happens to be true -- three people voted all day in that precinct: Barbara, me, and one drunk that thought he was going to the Democratic precinct. [Laughter] And that's the gospel truth. [Laughter]

Then, I came down here to Texas, and early in the sixties I became Harris County Republican chairman. There, I think more than anyplace, Barbara and I first got a taste of what was to become a way of life for us. The party was small, very, very small in those days. And yet, the ideals and the ideas were sound: Fiscal sanity; people controlling their own destinies more; limited government; trust in the people; a compassionate, fair Government; strong defense, a country not afraid to lead. Those were some of the things that brought us together in this tiny party matrix 30 years ago in Harris County. And I must say, those are the same ideals that both Dan and I have, the same ideas that we believe in. Thirty years later, I still feel strongly about those principles and other fundamental principles that join us here tonight.

Lately, the opposition up there in Washington says we don't have an agenda. But I've noticed that their agenda for Congress is stopping our agenda for America. They are old thinkers, tired, old ideas, and all they want to do is block the agenda that I was elected to perform on by the American people. And I'm a little tired of it. You work your heart out for new ideas in trying to bring some new systems to this country, and you face the old, same old tired liberal cliches in Washington, DC. We are pro-growth. We are pro-family. We are a pro-freedom agenda. And that is our agenda, to build a better America. And I wish we had more people in the Senate like Phil Gramm, and we'd be singing swiftly ahead, I'll tell you.

I was privileged to work with my dear friend, Hugh Liedtke, and others in starting two or three very small companies here in Texas. And I never forgot, and I never will forget that America owes to its small business men and women. That's one reason that, for over the last 3 years, I've fought against policies that would drive small business into the ground through Government mandates.

Every time you turn around, you've got some subcommittee chairman that's been there 30 years trying to mandate new benefits and tell some guy in Midland or Odessa how to run his life. And we're sick and tired of it. And next year, we're going to change it.

Dan Quayle has a committee trying to do something about overregulation. And you ought to hear them squirming over there in the House of Representatives, refusing to let him get his job done because they're thinking old, tired thoughts that the Federal Government ought to regulate every inch of your life. And we're tired of that one, too.

Look, I'll be the first to agree we need economic growth in this country. But we can't get it if Congress keeps piling on mandated benefits. Wonderful new programs designed by a subcommittee chairman in Washington, DC, telling everybody exactly how they're going to take their leave, what they're going to do about helping people in their neighborhoods. This isn't the way America ought to be operating. I have this wonderful sense that -- I get frustrated

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at times, but I've got this wonderful sense that we can change that next year by taking our message that the Congress has been around there too darn long, controlled by the same party. And it's time to change it.

Let me give you an example. I'm just getting warmed up because I heard George Mitchell on the television a few minutes ago. Now, let me tell you something here. [Laughter] Let me talk to you about an issue. I don't think there is anybody in this country, any fairminded man or woman who doesn't sympathize with someone who wants to work and is out of work. It's very easy to demagog on this issue. Nobody who has one grain of compassion likes to veto an unemployment compensation bill. But someone -- and I think I was the one elected to do this -- must consider the welfare of all the people in this country.

So, let me tell you what my position is on this unemployment compensation. Number one: I want to see the Democrats in the Senate lay politics aside and help those whose unemployment benefits have run out. Families are hurting out there. And I've said for months that I want to help them.

Secondly, I want a bill that, in helping them, does not burden every single taxpayer in this country, those that are working and those that aren't working. I don't want to see the budget agreement that Phil Gramm and others worked so hard to get into place, the spending caps on it, the only control that you as taxpayers have on a spendthrift Congress, I don't want to see it broken. And the only safeguard we have against more and more spending is that budget agreement.

Every time I turn around, the liberal Democrats want to bust the agreement. That would add to the deficit and eventually add to the tax burden of present generation's and the debt burden of future generations.

Number three on this same subject: We have a proposal before the Congress that extends benefits. It lays aside all this political rhetoric that you hear from these Democrats and get the checks in the mail to those families that are hurting and does it within the budget agreement. Bob Dole proposed that weeks ago. But the Democrats want to ram it down my ear in a political victory, and I'm going to veto their bill if they send it down in a way that's going to bust this budget again. Now, they can mark that one down.

I think it's a crying shame to play politics when people are hurting in this country. I really believe that. And they can get a bill signed by me tomorrow if they get going and send something down that lives within the budget agreement that we all agreed to, that they themselves agreed to. You tell me who's playing politics with that issue when people are hurting in this country.

It's not all negative. At times, we're able to persuade -- I remember how Lyndon used to talk: "Come reason with me." Wrench the guy's arm out of his socket. [Laughter] And he was working with control of both Houses of the Congress. I don't know how he'd do it today.

But sometimes we are able to persuade the opposition to cooperate, to join with us. I've reached out to the Congress. I don't believe there's a person in America that thinks I haven't reached out to the Congress, not always in a kind and gentle way, but always reached out to the Contrying to get something done for the American people and do it in a manner I was elected to do it. I was



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the one that was elected, Dan Quayle and I were the ones that were elected by all the people in this country. And the Senators have their responsibilities. Of course they do. But I think I have a responsibility to perform on what I told the people 3 years ago that I would do.

We did get the Clean Air Act through compromise. Good, fair negotiation with the Democrats, amendments that employ free-market incentives and really do help the environment. We advanced the cause of property rights and home ownership with this HOPE, this homeownership initiative. We're broken down the barriers to employment of 43 million Americans with our landmark Americans with Disabilities Act, which I was very proud -- emotional in signing last year on the South Lawn of the White House.

Other times we can do some positive things on our own. Just last week, I signed an Executive order to take the first steps in reforming our legal system. Dan Quayle's committee came up with some very sound recommendations, and I was proud to incorporate them into an Executive order. We're trying, frankly, to put an end to some of these outrageous lawsuits and monstrous settlements that scare every small businessman, every doctor, and everybody else in this country to death.

There's only so much of it we can do with Executive orders. We need liability reform legislation. And yet, that legislation is bottled up by these people I'm saying tonight are old thinkers. They just don't want to take on the pressure groups, the lobbies, the tough constituents that come together and try to get for the few that which the many are denied.

Americans want liability reform. And I'd like to see the Congress move out now and do something about it. Dan Quayle has been out there on the cutting edge of this, and I am 100 percent behind him.

And I might say that he's touched -- he referred to it -- touched a sore spot with some of the members of the ABA, the American Bar Association, when he called for legal reform. But he touched a nerve with a whole lot more everyday Americans who just plain stood up and cheered. He's done a great job on it, and I am very proud to have him by my side on this issue and all the other issues we're talking about here tonight.

The Senate did a good job in a bipartisan manner on the crime bill. But then it goes over to the House, and some of these old thinkers I'm telling you about are denying the changes that the American people so clearly spoke about in the Presidential elections of 1988. We've got -- you talk about these incentives to get jobs -- we've got some incentive in a transportation bill, a job-heavy transportation bill and yet a good one. We beat back some bad legislation. We've got a good one there.

In the State of the Union message, I said to Congress, "Hey, how about passing a transportation bill in 100 days?" That was 241 days ago, and they haven't got it down to my desk to be signed yet. I think the people are tired of this kind of old thinking, old politics.

One area where we don't need a lot of legislation, need some but not a lot, is in education. We have an initiative called America 2000, a concept designed to literally revolutionize our schools.



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Lamer Alexander, David Kearns, coming together as a fantastic team there, rethinking, working with Governors, Democrats, Republicans alike, to redefine what we need to achieve educational excellence.

And you talk about an exciting concept, one that's gathering momentum and excitement around the country, it's that one. And fortunately, we don't need a lot of legislation because one of the key education committees that you have to go to is tired. Think how much money we are going to spend for this, how much money are we going to spend for that, programs that have failed.

It's not a question of money. It's not a question of that. We spent \$ 190 billion in 1980 on education. We spend \$ 400 billion today, and we're way back in the tail end of education around the world. It isn't good enough. And we've got to think anew. Give me more Senators like Phil, and give me more congressmen like Bill Archer, and by golly, you'll see the change in education that the American people want.

You hear about consumer confidence. Yes, there's a lack of confidence. And one thing that would change it right now is sound, forward-looking banking reform legislation. And we've got those proposals, and they've been gutted by partisan infighting. How I long for a Congress where we can at least take the offense on these important issues.

One subject that many of you know an awful lot about in this room, a national energy strategy. We need that from the Congress. It would mean jobs. It would mean increased production, and it would mean less dependence on foreign oil for our energy requirements.

And I am going to continue to support environmentally responsive access to AMWR, the Alaskan Refuge, for energy production. We need it. And if you're worried about caribou, take a look at the arguments that were used about the pipeline. They'd say the caribou would be extinct. You've got to shake them away with a stick. They're all making love lying up against the pipeline. And you've got thousands of caribou up there. And yet the same voices, the same voices are arguing against ANWR today. I mean, come on. [Laughter]

I want to see us reduce our reliance on foreign oil, and we can if we pass an energy bill, one like the one that came out of Senator Bennett Johnston's -- good Democrat on this issue -- and Senator Malcolm Wallop, came out of their committee.

You know, we hear a lot about economic growth. I've called for economic growth initiatives in three State of the Union messages, and a part of that, one part of the economic growth was a capital gains tax cut. So, what happens in Washington, DC? They jump up and down and scream, "This is a tax cut for the rich." Let me tell you, I'll make them a proposal right here tonight. I will take all the political heat that they can muster. Whatever country, however much demagoguery they can bring to bear on that issue, I'll take that heat if they will give this capital gains cut a chance. Because it will create jobs and get America back to work again. And it is not a tax cut for the rich. It is a jobs measure, a small-business-creation measure, a shot-in-the-arm-for-a-sluggish-economy measure.

History has already shown that it does not add to the deficit. The Treasury scores it as a plus, not a minus. It reduces the deficit. So, let the

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opposition carry on all they want. We've all heard it before -- good heavens, I'm 67, I've heard it for a thousand years -- "tax cut for the rich, breaks for the rich." Let's try something a little bit different than the mandated programs from Washington that offer people a lack of dignity and a lack of hope. And in the meantime, give the Americans a break. Give them some jobs. Get going with our motivation package.

Finally, it's time we got rid of a practice where a privileged few stand outside the law, where attending to the national interest takes a back seat to serving the special interests. And very frankly, it's time that the United States Congress started following the laws it imposes on every citizen in this country.

I gave the Congress a gentle nudge on this the other day, pointing out that with all the pious cries during those Thomas hearings, Congress, now, get this, has exempted itself from sexual harassment laws. Word of honor. Yesterday the Senate did take one step to put itself under the same laws that the rest of the people have to obey. But that's just not enough. It's time that those who make the laws, live by the laws that they make others live by. Now, that is fairplay, and it's long overdue.

And speaking of Clarence Thomas, I am delighted that he's on the Supreme Court. Men supported him overwhelmingly. Women supported him overwhelmingly. Blacks supported him overwhelmingly. But the liberals in the Senate didn't support him at all. And I'm glad that the people won out on that issue.

When I hear the critics in Congress arguing about our priorities, foreign policy or domestic policy. I wonder where their priorities are. The "global marketplace" isn't off in Europe or Asia or in Africa. It's right here in our neighborhoods, in our businesses, in our schools. Take a look at our North American free trade agreement. It will have a monumental effect on the quality of life here in the United States over the next decade.

We're not doing this to be nice to Mexico. We're doing it because it is in the best interest of the workers and the people of the United States of America. Every billion dollars in the new trade means 20,000 new jobs. a better-educated work force means higher quality products, which means more economic growth. The cycle continues, and growth means more jobs, more opportunity for everyone.

But the world beyond our borders affects us in other ways. And we've got to make a choice: Do we meet its challenges, or do we fall behind?

And yes, since I've been President, we have been called upon to meet one crucial challenge after another. And meet them we did, each and every one. From Eastern Europe to Panama and the Persian Gulf, to dealing with the Soviet Union as history unfolds before your very eyes, in all of these, it is America that stands as a beacon of freedom throughout the world. And our prestige around the world has never been higher than it is today.

I'm still on Madrid daylight saving, or something. My eyes kind of -- because yesterday I was in Madrid, and I helped open that Middle East peace conference in Madrid. But over there, I made a terrible mistake. I flipped on CNN, and I say that with respect to CNN guys down here. But I turned it on, and I saw one of the Democrat leaders, one of the elected Democrat leaders in the House of Representatives attack me for being at that historic conference. I

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could not believe the small-bore nature of that partisan criticism. Here you have a historic peace conference. You're bringing together people that have been hostile and wouldn't even have been in the same room at any time in their history. And this guy gets on and says I shouldn't be in Madrid for 36 hours.

Come on. We have a responsibility here. I have a responsibility to lead, and I'm not going to let Democratic, liberal carping keep me from leading.

If I had to get -- let me put it to you so you can understand it. Let me put it in Red Adair's terms, "If I'd have had to let Ted Kennedy tell me whether I could move a quarter-of-a-million troops to the Middle East or let Schwarzkopf move from St. Petersburg or Tampa to Saudi Arabia, Schwarzkopf would still be there. The troops would still be there, and Saddam Hussein would still be in Kuwait, maybe moving into Saudi Arabia. That's what was at stake. And thank God, I didn't have to listen to these carpers telling me how to run that war.

I'm getting warmed up for next year. [Laughter] I told them I was not going to do this until about March or April of next year. [Laughter] But they get under your skin for a while. I've reached out to this Congress. [Laughter] I really have tried. And I'm getting sick and tired, as the Congress winds up, of this partisan, liberal criticism. I can't wait now to roll up my sleeves and become a candidate. [Laughter]

My point is simply this: We live in an integrated world. And in that world, you can't neatly divide foreign policy from domestic policy. When I talk with foreign leaders about new markets for American products, is it foreign policy or domestic? When I meet with groups of Latin American leaders, as I did in Cartagena, to help try to keep drugs out of America's schools and neighborhoods, is that foreign policy or is that domestic policy? When Desert Storm reignited Americans' faith in themselves, was that just foreign policy?

No. It demonstrated our special role as the world's preeminent moral, political, economic, and military power. The pride that we felt in our fighting men and women, and in ourselves shouldn't be trivialized as something "foreign."

Anyone who says we should retreat into an isolationistic cocoon is living in the last century, and the life that our kids can have in that next century. They should know that America's destiny has always been to lead. And if I have anything to do with it, lead we will.

I'll tell you, yes, there are plenty of real problems out there all across our country. They're human problems where real people, real lives are at stake. Dan talked about the family, where families are ripped asunder. Tons of problems out there. But we are going to prevail because I firmly believe that the American spirit is alive and well.

In Texas or in Washington, I know we'll keep up the fight. And we will hold as our banner the frontier resolve and the commonsense ideals of those early Texans who built our great State. I am absolutely convinced, no matter what the obstacles we face in a partisan nature, that we can do something for the kids, that we can build a better America.

So, I want to thank you for being here with us tonight. It means a great deal in many, many more ways than I can possibly tell you, for Barbara and me to start this journey, this fundraising journey right here where we feel, what

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Bob talked about, a sense of love and warmth and friendship. That means an awful lot, whether you're President of the United States or still living around the corner.

Thank you and God bless each and every one of you. Thank you very much.

Note: The President spoke at 9:01 p.m. at the Sheraton Astrodome Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to Robert Cruikshank, chairman of the dinner; Willie Alexander, former Houston Oiler; Reverend Claude Payne, Rector, St. Martins Episcopal Church; Milo Hamilton, emcee for the dinner; Senator Robert Dole; Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander; and David T. Kearns, Deputy Secretary for the Department of Education.

ADDRESS TO SOUTHERN REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

February 19, 1992

[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~~ 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.

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 ^{Court House crowd -- 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.

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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.

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.

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

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

JB. 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.~~ ^{changed the world.} ~~Bringing change to America during the coming years will be Republican leadership.~~ will change America.

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~~^{IN} my State of the Union Address. I put forward a two-part plan -- the first part gets business growing again -- hiring workers again -- upgrading ~~plant~~ and equipment again. 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.

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 \$5,000 in their pocket. The House Democrats plan gives them nothing. [pulls the rug out from under them.]

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 deal. 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.

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

The terms that got us where we are today.

→ making ^{\$} 35,000 a year. You know, people like teachers, factory workers, everyday Americans.

Their plan also adds \$30 billion to the deficit, and doesn't create a single job. 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. [BOOMERANG LEGISLATION!]

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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.

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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 strengthens the family through tax relief and outlines the health care proposal I mentioned earlier. Our plan gets ~~the~~ ^{one} 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.

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.

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From: Dan McGroarty

Regarding: S. GOP Leadership

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The only jobs their plan might create are for hiring more tax collectors. Their plan also adds \$10 billion to the deficit and doesn't

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Thank you and God Bless the United States of America.

people are uniquely capable of meeting the challenge of foreign competition.

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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

Deputy Assistant to the President for
Communications and Director of Speechwriting

FROM:

JANET REHNQUIST *JR*
Associate Counsel to the President

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks -- Address to Southern
Republican Leadership Council; February 21, 1992;
Charleston, South Carolina

Following up my telephone call to your office this afternoon,
attached is a copy of the comments discussed. Otherwise,
Counsel's office has no legal objections.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter.

cc: Phil Brady

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAVE DEMAREST

FROM: JEANNIE BUNTON 

SUBJECT: RESERVE/GUARD MEMO ATTACHED

CHRISTINA FERRANDINO, SYSTEMS AND ANALYSIS DIRECTOR OF RESERVE AFFAIRS - MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL AT DOD TOLD ME A BREAKDOWN OF RESERVE/GUARD PARTICIPATION IN "STORM" FOR ALL 50 STATES COULDN'T BE DONE RIGHT NOW -- DUE TO FILES/PROCESSING/AND COMPUTER SOFTWARE PROBLEMS. SHE EXTRAPOLATED THE INFORMATION WE REQUESTED BY HAND, AFTER GETTING THE DATA FROM FILES STORED IN CALIFORNIA.

I WAS ABLE TO GET [NEGOTIATE] THE NUMBERS FOR THE STATES THE PRESIDENT WILL BE VISITING IN THE NEAR FUTURE [ATTACHED MEMO]. SHE HAS AGREED TO CONTINUE PROVIDING BREAKDOWNS -- I'LL CONTINUE CALLING WITH "BATCHES" OF STATES UNTIL WE GET ALL 50.

SORRY THAT THE INFORMATION IS BEING PIECEMEAL.

Gary

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Regarding: S. GOP Leadership

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(Don't forget. Lots of Southern GOPers are Northern transplants.)

*Note:
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ADDRESS TO SOUTHERN REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 21, 1992 CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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

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will be a leader in the administration's drive to create jobs, increase economic growth, and prepare America for a bright future.

I am sure that Transportation Secretary Card will insure that America continues to travel safely home and abroad and that the Nation's transportation systems are ready to move into the 21st century.

Remarks to the Southern Republican Leadership Conference in Charleston, South Carolina

February 21, 1992

The President. Thank you, thank you. It is great to be here in Charleston, I'll tell you. I'm delighted to be back in the South. And may I say to our Governor, my dear friend Carroll Campbell, we're grateful for your hospitality and, even more, for your leadership as one of the finest Governors in the entire country, a real leader, Carroll Campbell. And I might say how pleased I am that Governor Campbell will serve as our national cochairman of the campaign and once again as southern regional chairman. I couldn't be in better hands, and thank you very much.

May I thank the Citadel Bulldog Band over there for some fine music. I appreciate it very much. And this is a real star-studded event. And I want to salute the Governors here today, past and present. I know Governor Jim Martin's here from North Carolina. And Members of the United States Congress, I think four or five Congressmen with us here today, a couple of them with us right here: Congressman Ravenel, hometown boy, and others. And other distinguished guests. And may I say that an early supporter and friend of mine is running for the Senate here, Tommy Hartnett. And I want to see him elected to the United States Senate—former member of Congress. And I also want to acknowledge key members of our political team: Rich Bond is with us, our new chairman and Jeanie Austin, doing a superb job. And of course, the conference chairman Martha Edens' superb work here. Keep up the good work and thank you very much, Martha.

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And just to be perfectly clear about it, I am confident of winning the Presidency for 4 more years. I come here fired up and confident. But I'll need your support. We have much to do these next few months because we have much to do these next few years. Together, we can finish what we've started and move this country forward.

Let me open with a true story from my own past about the old days, Midland, Texas, 1956, trying to organize—I hear Ernie Angelo over there—[laughter]—trying to organize a Republican Party. And this is the gospel truth. I was a precinct judge, a poll judge, polling judge at primary election time. The first time the Republican Party had ever held a primary in Midland County. And Barbara and I were there alternating at the polls, poll watchers. She and I voted Republican, and we represented two-thirds of the Republican vote that year, gospel truth. The only other guy that voted was a slightly inebriated Democrat. He thought he was voting in the—[laughter]—and you can go back and look up the records.

But some of you all are old enough to remember those days. And sometimes if you tried to register Republican, they'd tell you not to bother because there was no Republicans to vote for in the primary. Or times, out and out, there was intimidation, sometimes violence. And we went through a lot back then. And in fact, I'm sure many of you can share similar experiences. And you say, "Well, why did we do it? Why did we build a Republican Party in the South when some said it was impossible?" We did it because we wanted change, and we did it because we believed in some fundamental values: faith and family, responsibility and respect, community and of course country, the United States of America. And we did it because we saw the Government getting too big and getting into our pockets and to every corner of our lives. And we did it because we wor-

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And we were upstarts and mavericks. And we challenged the status quo. We challenged the old, what was known as the "courthouse crowd," the closed-door, one-party rule of the Democrats. And we did it because we knew Republican principles were right. And they fought us every step of the way. But we fought hard, and we fought fair. And we took our message, 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 and a Senate race there. But our momentum grew. Momentum grew, and it grew. And we owe a great debt of gratitude to our standard bearer in those early days, those that were out front: Howard Baker, the late John Tower, the Bo Calloways and Bill Brocks, Drake Edens and Clark Reeds and Bill Dickinson and John Paul Hammer- schmidt and of course, the phenomenal favorite son of South Carolina, right behind me, Strom Thurmond. When I think back to one year ago almost to this very day, the tough decision that had to be made about committing your sons and daughters into a war, Strom Thurmond was of more support to me than any single Senator in the United States Senate. And we should be grateful for him.

Well, these leaders paved the way, and they inspired a generation of talent that transformed the Nation's political landscape. And I'm thinking now of another South Carolinian, a good man and a good friend, Lee Atwater. We miss him. We miss him still. And it was great to have Sally Atwater flying down with us this afternoon on Air Force One. Sally, we're so pleased to be with you.

Well, today the Republican Party is the force for positive change in the New South, and I'm proud to have played a modest role in that success. Our message then and our message now is simple. Carroll said a lot of it. 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 so, we believe in less Government, low taxes. Surely we believe in a strong defense. And we believe that we put America first when we put America's families first.

And so, we believe that parents, not the Government, should make the big decisions. Parents, not Government, should choose their children's schools. Parents, not the Government, should decide the family's health care. And parents should choose who cares for their children, not some bureaucrat in Washington, DC, telling us how to do it. And yes, we believe it ought to be okay to have a voluntary prayer for children in the classroom, and I'm not going to change my view on that ever.

Those are our beliefs. And those are why we built a party in the South and why we continue, with your help, 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.

And now we're at the beginning of a new era in the history of our country. The cold war is over, and America won. The Soviet Union, as we remember it, has collapsed, gone. Imperial communism is finished for good. American leadership changed the world. Republican leadership will change America.

I know we've got tough times, but I am totally 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 is wrong. And when doctors stop delivering babies because they fear a mal- practice lawsuit, something's wrong. Or when people stop volunteering to help each other because they fear ambulance-chasing law- yers, something is terribly wrong. These days a sharp lawyer would tell the Good Samaritan, "Keep on walking."

We've proposed reforms to our court sys- tem. They've got them sitting up there in the United States Senate now to address the questions of frivolous lawsuits, and that's a good step. But the real answer for solving

problems is to be more concerned with helping each other than suing each other.

And then I think about our Nation's health care system. Our health care system provides—and let's not forget this—the highest quality care anywhere in the world. But it's not perfect. We all know that. And too many people do not have access to health insurance. Too many people worry that they're going to 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 is not 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 department of motor vehicles. Our plan, my approach, written out in detail, is to reform our health system, make insurance available to all, keep the quality high, the bureaucracy low, and preserve choice. And that is vital. And the last thing we want is the Government standing between you and your doctor.

And then there's the sorry welfare system. It's pretty obvious that the system now too often perpetuates dependency when it should promote independence, promote initiative. We need to encourage individual success through personal responsibility, the dignity of a job. And so, I've asked the departments and agencies to make it easier—and this is upon the advice of Jim Martin and Carroll Campbell and others—to make it easier for State and local government to reform the system, reform policies that promote broken families. We need to get people to work, go after the deadbeat fathers who run out on those little kids, or as they do in Wisconsin, to make recipients work or study and to keep families together.

But we all know what the number one issue on the minds of Americans is, and it is the economy. And it's people worried about their jobs, providing for their families, meeting the everyday challenges of paying the bills and providing a home and teaching the kids and putting aside for our retirement.

The American people, your neighbors, want this economy fired up again. And so do I. And in my State of the Union Address,

I put forward a two-part plan. And the first part gets business growing again right now instantly upgrading plant and equipment again, hiring workers again. It uses incentives like an investment tax allowance.

And yes, it is clearly time for the Congress to wake up and cut that tax on capital gains. And to get housing back on its feet, I put forth several commonsense proposals—they're sitting right there in House now—to get people buying and building homes. And 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 \$5,000 in their pocket. And the plan we're fighting against in the Congress this very day gives them absolutely nothing, nothing to that first-time homebuyer.

You're worried about the Democrat's current plan. I don't want to say too much about it. It's a nice evening here, and I don't want to ruin it. Current plan, I say current because it seems to change just about every hour as they change it to garner in some votes from the special interests, to buy votes. And that's why it's really not a plan. It is simply a bad deal. It smacks of, and you've heard it before, class warfare. And listen to the tradeoff in their deal: 25 cents a day in temporary tax relief for 2 years, paid for, true to form for the Democrats, by a large permanent tax increase.

Now, some Democrats in the Senate have other ideas. They want to get a bidding war going. But to pay for that they'd have to hike tax rates for the middle class, people making \$35,000, you know, people like teachers and factory workers and everyday Americans. And they won't tell you that about their sorry plan. But that's the estimate I've been given by our experts. Any economist will tell you, the last thing our economy needs now is a tax increase by that Democratic Congress. And their plan adds almost \$30 billion to this deficit. And the jobs it creates are more likely to be for more tax collectors.

I believe the American people have about had it with this tax-and-spend thinking. And we drew a line in the sand in the Persian Gulf and kept our word, and I'll draw another line in the sand right here today. If the

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Democrats send me this nonsense they're talking about now, I will send it right back. I will veto it the minute it hits my desk.

I sent them a plan, a good one. And that's what they ought to work on, not some phony partisan maneuver that they know won't fly. And I'll say it again to the Congress: Here's the deadline: March 20th. And if we act by then we can see some results this spring. No more games, no more empty gestures, just pass this plan and get the economy going again, and then we can have all the political fights we want. But let's set it aside now and do something for the American people that are hurting out there.

I said the plan had two parts; you may remember that from the State of the Union. The second part is a long-term plan to keep this country competitive, keep us vigorous. And it's a road map for competing and leading America in this fast-changing world of the 21st century.

Our plan revolutionizes America's educational system. Our plan gets the billions of dollars' worth of cutting-edge Government research and development into the hands of our private-sector businesses and the workers faster than ever before. And that helps us get a real return on your tax dollars, investment helping to create new jobs and products.

Our plan provides tax relief to strengthen the family. We raised the tax deduction for children by \$500. Make no mistake, I want this plan passed in this session of Congress. Keep the heat on the Congress, and we can get that done.

But a central idea behind our approach is that to succeed economically at home we have to lead economically abroad. Carroll touched on this very eloquently. What he means and what I mean is jobs right here in America by opening markets for our exports all over the world. And I'm going to fight hard in every foreign market to do just exactly that. We've made headway. We have made dramatic headway with this increase in exports, but we are going to do even better.

Some people wish the rest of the world would just go away. That is naive, and that is defeatist. They're saying that a level playing field isn't level enough, that American inge-

nunity, American know-how, and the American can-do spirit are simply a bunch of hackneyed phrases. I don't believe it. I don't believe that for one minute, and neither do you. America is not going to cut and run ever. We're going to stay involved, and we are going to continue to lead the entire world.

Before I finish now, I have something to say about this primary campaign. Of course, this campaign is important, not just to me but to you and to our country. And for the sake of our country we must not turn over the Nation's leadership to the Democrats. Republican leadership must continue.

For 8 years, Ronald Reagan, I was at his side, led this country. For the last 3 years I've stood on our principles and against a Democratic Congress that would undermine them. And with the help of our Republican leadership on Capitol Hill, 25 times our principles were upheld, vetoes of bad legislation sustained.

And the next 5 years of American history are just too important to entrust to the inexperienced. I believe the American people want to hear about how we're going to address our country's challenges, how we can unite our people, create more opportunity and hope for all Americans. And I believe the American people want to hear solutions, not just a lot of name-calling and running this country down.

And frankly, I also believe that sometimes somebody's got to stand up and say what's right about the United States of America. And you can't hear it from this campaign going on out there. We are number one, and make no mistake about it, and we're going to stay that way.

And another thing, maybe this is just my personal prejudice talking, let's not listen to the gloom and doom from all those intense talking heads who are happy only when they say something negative. We are the United States of America, and we don't have to put up with all that.

Audience members. Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

The President. Let me just say, you and I believe in America, and we are optimistic about its future. And we believe in our party. And I am tremendously fortunate to serve

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 20, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVE DEMAREST

FROM: MICHELE NIX 

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL DRAFT

NOTE: THIS IS NOT A SUCK-UP MEMO. I really liked the SRLC draft you wrote. And I want to make sure you know why: Not because I want you to remember me at Christmastime, but because there's a quality in your draft that I think desperately needs to be repeated in every draft we produce: it flows -- throughout.

Many times are speeches tend to read like laundry lists -- like fact sheets with a joke here and there. You've developed a definite theme -- the rise of the Republican Party in the South -- and you've woven it throughout the text. Every paragraph is born from the previous one.

Also: the language is very conversational. And that's when George Bush is at his best. I often wish the President could come across the way he does in his press conferences. Have you ever noticed? He's calm, confident, sincere -- and he speaks as if there were only a handful of people in the room -- not 60+ and the world at the other end of the airwaves. He starts his lines with conversational tags: "Look, . . ." or "Listen, . . ." or "Ok, Sam, I'll tell you what this means . . ."

And not every sentence is complete -- which is good. In speeches, you don't have to speak in complete sentences. It's a speech, not an article. You don't have to list every item on the agenda. It's a speech, not a fact sheet. What you do have to do is: repeat; personalize; engage. This draft does that.

I'll never forget my commencement speaker from undergrad -- some [cough] years ago. Former Texas Representative Barbara Jordan rolled up in her wheelchair to the microphone. And she said in her slow, baritone voice, "Education and commitment. // Education and commitment. // Education and commitment. //" With each break, she turned to look at another side of the audience. The pause and the repetition were so effective. You got the point (and a chill) and she got your attention.

This speech flows well, David -- the storytelling, the conversational tone, the analogies -- it all fits together. Let's not overlook that in future speeches. Let's cling to it. Let's go with the flow! [insert a million laughs here]

ADDRESS TO SOUTHERN REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 21, 1992



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. AND LET ME JUST SAY HOW PROUD I AM THAT GOVERNOR CAMPBELL WILL SERVE AS NATIONAL CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN AND ONCE AGAIN AS SOUTHERN REGIONAL CHAIRMAN.



Citadel Bull Dog Bond

THIS IS A REAL STAR-STUDED EVENT. I WANT TO SALUTE THE GOVERNORS HERE TODAY -- PAST AND PRESENT; MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE KEY MEMBERS OF OUR POLITICAL TEAM: RICH BOND AND JEANNIE AUSTIN, AS WELL AS CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, MARTHA EDENS [EE-DENS]. MARTHA, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

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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 LED OUR PARTY TO A GREAT VICTORY ACROSS THIS GREAT COUNTRY. THIS YEAR THE SOUTH WILL LEAD US TO A VICTORY IN NOVEMBER, 1992.



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AND JUST TO BE PERFECTLY CLEAR ABOUT IT, I AM
CONFIDENT OF WINNING THE PRESIDENCY 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 TRUE STORY ABOUT THE OLD
DAYS

MIDLAND, TEXAS -- 1956 -- TRYING TO ORGANIZE A
REPUBLICAN PARTY. I WAS A POLL JUDGE AT PRIMARY
ELECTION TIME -- THE FIRST REPUBLICAN PRIMARY EVER HELD
IN MIDLAND COUNTY. BARBARA AND I VOTED REPUBLICAN. WE
REPRESENTED TWO-THIRDS OF THE REPUBLICAN VOTE THAT
YEAR. THE ONLY OTHER GUY WHO VOTED ALL DAY LONG WAS
SLIGHTLY INEBRIATED. HE WHO THOUGHT HE WAS VOTING IN
THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY.

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 OF OUT-AND-OUT INTIMIDATION -- OR 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 FAMILIES AND OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

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. WE CHALLENGED THE STATUS QUO -- CHALLENGED THE COURT HOUSE CROWD -- THE CLOSED-DOOR, ONE-PARTY RULE OF THE DEMOCRATS. WE DID IT BECAUSE WE KNEW REPUBLICAN PRINCIPLES WERE RIGHT.

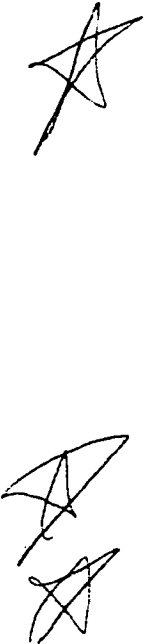
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BUT WE FOUGHT HARD -- AND WE FOUGHT FAIR. WE TOOK OUR MESSAGE OF SMALLER GOVERNMENT -- BETTER GOVERNMENT -- TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CAROLINAS, AND VIRGINIA, AND MISSISSIPPI, AND FLORIDA, AND THE REST OF THIS GREAT REGION OF AMERICA. AND WE STARTED WINNING -- AT FIRST A HOUSE SEAT HERE, A SENATE RACE THERE. BUT OUR MOMENTUM GREW AND IT 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 AND OF COURSE THE PHENOMENAL FAVORITE SON OF SOUTH CAROLINA, STROM THURMOND.


*STROM THURMOND
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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. [IT WAS GREAT TO HAVE SALLY FLYING DOWN WITH ME THIS AFTERNOON.]




TODAY, 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
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SCHOOLS AND SAFE STREETS -- AND A GOVERNMENT WORTHY OF
THE PEOPLE'S RESPECT. SO WE BELIEVE IN LESS
GOVERNMENT, LOW TAXES, AND A STRONG DEFENSE.

 WE BELIEVE THAT WE PUT AMERICA FIRST WHEN WE PUT
AMERICA'S FAMILIES FIRST. SO WE BELIEVE THAT PARENTS,
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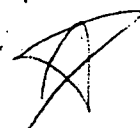
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HEALTH CARE -- AND PARENTS SHOULD CHOOSE WHO CARES FOR
THEIR CHILDREN -- NOT SOME BUREAUCRAT IN WASHINGTON
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AND YES, WE BELIEVE IT OUGHT TO BE OKAY TO HAVE
VOLUNTARY PRAYER FOR CHILDREN IN THE CLASSROOM.

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. AMERICAN LEADERSHIP CHANGED THE
WORLD. REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP WILL CHANGE AMERICA.


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 TO BE MORE CONCERNED WITH HELPING EACH OTHER THAN 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 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES. MY APPROACH IS TO REFORM OUR HEALTH SYSTEM: MAKE INSURANCE AVAILABLE TO ALL. KEEP THE QUALITY HIGH, THE BUREAUCRACY LOW --AND PRESERVE CHOICE. THAT'S VITAL. 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 WHEN IT SHOULD PROMOTE
INDEPENDENCE AND INITIATIVE. WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE
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GOVERNMENT TO REFORM THE SYSTEM -- REFORM POLICIES THAT
PROMOTE BROKEN FAMILIES. WE NEED TO GET PEOPLE TO WORK
-- GO AFTER DEAD-BEAT FATHERS WHO RUN OUT ON THEIR
CHILDREN -- TO MAKE RECIPIENTS WORK OR STUDY -- 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, PROVIDING A HOME, TEACHING OUR KIDS AND PUTTING
ASIDE FOR OUR RETIREMENT.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- YOUR NEIGHBORS -- WANT THIS ECONOMY FIRED UP AGAIN. SO DO I. IN MY STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS, I PUT FORWARD A TWO-PART PLAN -- THE FIRST PART GETS BUSINESS GROWING AGAIN RIGHT NOW -- UPGRADING PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AGAIN -- HIRING WORKERS AGAIN. 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.

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AND TO GET HOUSING BACK ON ITS FEET I PUT FORTH SEVERAL COMMON SENSE 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.



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A WORD ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS' CURRENT PLAN. I SAY "CURRENT" BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO CHANGE JUST ABOUT EVERY HOUR AS THEY CHANGE IT TO BUY VOTES. THAT'S WHY IT'S REALLY NOT A PLAN, IT'S SIMPLY A BAD DEAL. 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.

NOW SOME DEMOCRATS IN THE SENATE HAVE OTHER IDEAS -- THEY WANT TO GET A BIDDING WAR GOING. BUT TO PAY FOR THAT THEY'D HAVE TO HIKE TAX RATES FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS -- PEOPLE MAKING \$35,000 A YEAR. YOU KNOW, PEOPLE LIKE TEACHERS, FACTORY WORKERS, EVERYDAY AMERICANS. THEY WON'T TELL YOU THAT ABOUT THEIR SORRY PLAN -- BUT THAT'S THE ESTIMATE I'VE BEEN GIVEN BY OUR EXPERTS. ANY ECONOMIST WILL TELL YOU -- THE LAST THING OUR ECONOMY NEEDS NOW IS A TAX INCREASE.

by that Democratic Congress



THEIR PLAN ALSO ADDS MORE THAN \$30 BILLION TO THE DEFICIT, AND THE JOBS IT CREATES ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE FOR MORE TAX COLLECTORS. I BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE ABOUT HAD IT WITH TAX AND SPEND 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 THIS NONSENSE THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT NOW, I'LL SEND IT RIGHT BACK. I WILL VETO IT THE MINUTE IT HITS MY DESK.


I SENT THEM A PLAN -- A GOOD PLAN -- THAT'S WHAT THEY OUGHT TO WORK ON -- NOT SOME PHONY PARTISAN MANEUVER THAT THEY KNOW 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.

*Set aside politics
do something*



I SAID THE PLAN HAD TWO PARTS. THE SECOND PART IS A LONG-TERM PLAN TO KEEP THIS COUNTRY COMPETITIVE AND VIGOROUS. IT'S A ROAD MAP FOR COMPETING AND LEADING AMERICA IN THE FAST-CHANGING WORLD OF THE 21ST CENTURY.

OUR PLAN REVOLUTIONIZES AMERICA'S EDUCATION SYSTEM. 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. OUR PLAN PROVIDES TAX RELIEF TO STRENGTHEN THE FAMILY. WE RAISE THE TAX DEDUCTION FOR CHILDREN BY \$500 DOLLARS. MAKE NO MISTAKE, I WANT THIS PLAN PASSED IN THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS. //




BUT A CENTRAL IDEA BEHIND OUR APPROACH IS THAT TO SUCCEED ECONOMICALLY AT HOME, WE HAVE TO LEAD ECONOMICALLY ABROAD. THAT MEANS JOBS RIGHT HERE IN AMERICA BY OPENING MARKETS FOR OUR EXPORTS ALL OVER THE WORLD. I AM GOING TO FIGHT HARD IN EVERY FOREIGN MARKET TO DO JUST THAT.

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SOME PEOPLE WISH THE REST OF THE WORLD WOULD JUST GO AWAY. THAT'S NAIVE AND DEFEATIST. THEY'RE SAYING THAT A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD ISN'T LEVEL 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.

BEFORE I FINISH TONIGHT I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THIS PRIMARY CAMPAIGN. OF COURSE THIS CAMPAIGN IS IMPORTANT -- NOT JUST TO ME, BUT TO YOU, AND TO OUR COUNTRY. FOR THE SAKE OF OUR COUNTRY, WE MUST NOT TURN OVER THE NATION'S LEADERSHIP TO THE DEMOCRATS.
REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP MUST CONTINUE.

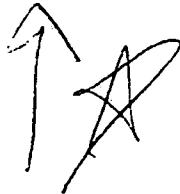
FOR EIGHT YEARS, RONALD REAGAN AND I LED THIS
COUNTRY. FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS I HAVE STOOD FOR OUR
PRINCIPLES AND AGAINST A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS THAT WOULD
UNDERMINE THEM. WITH THE HELP OF OUR REPUBLICAN
LEADERSHIP ON CAPITOL HILL, TWENTY-FIVE TIMES OUR
PRINCIPLES WERE UPHELD -- VETOES OF BAD LEGISLATION
SUSTAINED. AND THE NEXT FIVE YEARS OF AMERICAN HISTORY
ARE JUST TOO IMPORTANT TO ENTRUST TO THE INEXPERIENCED.



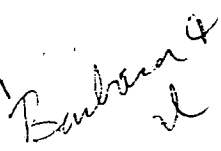
I BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO ADDRESS OUR COUNTRY'S CHALLENGES -- HOW WE CAN UNITE OUR PEOPLE -- AND CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITY AND HOPE FOR ALL AMERICANS. I BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT TO HEAR SOLUTIONS, NOT JUST A LOT OF NAME CALLING AND RUNNING THIS COUNTRY DOWN. AND FRANKLY, I ALSO BELIEVE THAT SOMETIMES SOMEBODY'S GOT TO STAND UP AND SAY WHAT'S RIGHT ABOUT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WE ARE NUMBER ONE -- MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT. *Going to stay that way.*




AND ANOTHER THING, LET'S NOT LISTEN TO THE GLOOM AND DOOM FROM ALL THOSE INTENSE TALKING HEADS WHO ARE HAPPY ONLY WHEN THEY SAY SOMETHING NEGATIVE.



YOU AND I, WE BELIEVE IN AMERICA. WE ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ITS FUTURE. AND WE BELIEVE IN OUR PARTY. I AM TREMENDOUSLY FORTUNATE TO SERVE AS YOUR PRESIDENT AT THIS MOST EXCITING TIME IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY. THESE NEXT PRIMARIES ARE CRITICAL: I NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP OUR PARTY STRONG AND UNITED SO WE CAN WIN THIS FALL.





YES, WE HAVE MUCH TO DO. BUT I GUARANTEE YOU WE
WILL GET THE JOB DONE. 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.

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