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FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA \ MARCH 4, 1992 \ 10:55 A.M.

Barbara and I are delighted to be here -- and I'm particularly delighted that this isn't a broccoli festival. We've had a great time seeing everything, especially all these fantastic strawberries from Hillsborough County. I made my own strawberry shortcake and was able to enjoy it right away -- because I didn't have to wait for Congress to approve it.

I always love coming to Florida -- the people, the sunshine, the sports. Though the last time I played golf here, my host told me that some of the water hazards had alligators in them. I said, "that sounds dangerous." He said -- "Not really. Just before you tee off, we'll tell them to get out of the water."

You know, your festival theme speaks to this entire country. "Discover America" -- that's exactly what we have to do. We have a tremendous opportunity right now. We're closing out a familiar century, and we're about to embark on a new one filled with unimagined challenges and exciting new horizons. But before we can start to shape that America -- we have to discover what we want it to be.

I'll tell you what I want. I want that America to be a place of good schools and safe streets. A place of less

government and low taxes. A place of strong defense and personal responsibility. I want it to be the America of family, jobs, and peace. The America of church, community, and country. And I want that America to be the country of the possible dream.

I want it to be the America of volunteers like the thousands who brought together this festival. The America of "Points of Light" who reach out to help neighbors -- like Charlene and James White of Orlando, who care for severely ill abandoned babies in their home -- like Susan and Terry Brimmer of St. Petersburg, who devote their time to supporting troubled teens -- and like the members of St. Timothy's Church in Tampa, who volunteer to help recovering drug-addicted women and their children.

I want the country we share to be the America of this festival -- where, together, families celebrate our self-sufficiency and enterprise -- where Mike Eruzione stands for our proud Olympic spirit -- and where special guests like Vince Gill, Barbara Mandrell and the Gatlin Brothers sing their wonderful words about America's true heart.

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