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the support we received today for our message of jobs, family, and peace.

To those who have been with me in the past but did not vote for me today, I hear your concerns and understand your frustration with Washington. I am committed to regaining your support. To get the economy moving, I will continue pushing the Democratic majority in Congress to enact my growth initiatives by the March 20th deadline.

### Exchange With Reporters on the Presidential Primaries

March 4, 1992

**The President.** The communications czar has told me that we must be moving onward. And I can tell your lack of interest or you would be going with us on to the Super Tuesday States. Why are you not there?

**Q.** Are you afraid of Buchanan?

**Q.** Do you think you'll consistently lose this 30-percent protest vote?

**The President.** We're doing well. We won everything, and we're going to keep on winning everything. Tough times out there, and I think people are beginning to understand that what counts is who wins these primaries. So I feel good about it, and I'm not going to keep raising the high bar. I'm just going to go one at a time and win them all and win the election in the fall.

So, I'm very grateful to the people that worked hard; they're working in a tough economic environment. I know that. But I'm very, very pleased.

**Q.** Do you feel good about repenting on taxes?

**The President.** Yes, very good about that.

**Q.** Do you accept the votes for Buchanan as votes against you?

**The President.** It seems to be that way, yes. I think that's a good way to analyze it. But that will turn around. The economy will turn around. We'll make some headway with Congress eventually, keep trying. And people will see that I'm the person to lead this country now, as I was in the past.

**Q.** —margin in 30 percent?

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**The President.** This is a high jump. I'm not going to raise the bar, nor lower it. Just leave it where it is.

*Note: The exchange began at 7:46 a.m. on the South Lawn at the White House prior to the President's departure for Tampa, FL. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.*

### Remarks at a Bush-Quayle Fundraising Luncheon in Tampa, Florida

March 4, 1992

Thank you, General. Thank you all very, very much. Thank you so much. I will have a word more to say about the introducer in just a minute. But thank you all so much for that warm welcome back. Well, I want to thank a lot of people, everybody in this audience. But I think of Alec Courtelis, our campaign's national finance cochairman; Zach Zachariah, who has done a great job as our chairman here in this wonderful State. I don't think it's out of order to salute my Florida chairman, Jeb Bush. [Laughter] And of course, our Florida State chairman, Van Poole, a friend of long, long standing. Mike Bilirakis is not with us, the Congressman; but he and I and Evelyn, his wife, I think she is here, we were at the strawberry festival. I've eaten my second high-calorie dessert in three hours. But that was a wonderful occasion. And Senator Hawkins, Paula Hawkins, former Senator, is with us; and of course, Al Austin, who has been at my side in his most unselfish, productive way over and over again. Al, I'm very grateful to you, sir.

Now a quick word about the introducer, Tampa's favorite son, America's hero. Last year, when General Scowcroft—General Scowcroft, sorry—Brent will be thrilled—[laughter]—when General Schwarzkopf commanded the largest allied fighting force since World War II, he earned a lasting place of greatness in the history of our time. There is no question of that place in greatness. It is going to be there. The revisionists can look and figure and debate, but it was a clear,

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This general led a group of fighting men and women. He has told me—Colin Powell has told me about the merits of these young fighters. They included, incidentally, almost 8,000 Florida reservists and 1,500 Florida guardsmen and thousands more sailors and airmen from the bases around Florida; and of course, the mighty force of Tampa's own central command.

And I am so proud of General Schwarzkopf and all the men and women that he commanded. And they all said, all of us who looked at them say, with your sacrifice, with your courage, with your selfless service, you told the world that the United States of America will never tuck tail and let aggression stand. And you showed that we will do what is right and just, and in so doing we will prevail.

When you and those troops laid it all on the line, the people of this State never wavered. And for this, I want to express to all the people, heck with party, heck with political ideology. All of the people in this State, my profound thanks for this steadfast and loyal support in troubled times. Thank you, Florida, and thank you to the people of Florida. And thank you, most of all, General Schwarzkopf.

Now to the politics at hand. We had a good day yesterday. You may have trouble reading that, but we had a very good day yesterday. [Laughter] Somebody asked me: "What does it take to win?" And I say to them, I can't remember, what did it take to win the Super Bowl? Or maybe Steinbrenner, my friend George, will tell us what it takes for the Yanks to win: One run. But I went to the strawberry festival this morning and ate a piece of shortcake over there. Able to enjoy it right away. And once I completed it, it didn't have to be approved by Congress, so I just went ahead and ate it. [Laughter] That leads me to what I want to talk to you about today.

We've got a lot to do in these next few months, because really we've got a lot to do in the next few years. And I am convinced that together, and I am so grateful for your support, that we can finish what we've started and move this country forward. And to do that, I need your support. Help me win the

Presidency for 4 more years. And I ask for your support for the simplest of reasons: I think we believe in the same things, in the same values, the same important things. We know that taxes are too high because our Government is too big, and it spends too much.

And we believe in a strong defense. And you listen to the proposals in Washington today. They all have these big, spendthrift political programs. And how are they going to take it? They're going to take it right out of the muscle of the defense of this country, and I am not going to permit that as President of the United States.

We believe in faith and family, responsibility and respect. We believe in community and, of course, country. And we believe there's a place for getting these values back. I happen to believe there's a place for voluntary prayer in our children's classrooms, and I'd like to see it back.

I'm firmly convinced of this, that we put America first when we put America's families first. So often today politicians can do the easy thing, the popular thing. But it's the tough decisions that tell you something about character and principle. For I believe in things that don't change from one election to the next, things that guide each and every one of us each day of the year. And I believe in things that have led us to a new era in America's history, the important, fundamentally important things. I mentioned family but certainly world peace, certainly jobs.

The cold war is over. And if you want to count your blessings, there's one: The cold war is over and America won and the Soviet Union collapsed. The Soviet Union collapsed and the imperial communism, the communism without reach, is finished. It's dead all around the world. So, make no mistake about it.

As a result of this tremendous victory in Desert Storm, our credibility as a country has never ever been higher around the world. And it was our leadership that changed the world. And now what I want to do is see us come together, men and women of this great city, all across our country, come together and use that same spirit, that same leadership, to change America.

We are changing it by setting right what is simply on the wrong track in our country. Take our courts, for example. When the rights of the criminal are more important than the rights of the victim, that's wrong. And I'm proud of our tough stand on crime, and I'm proud of our judicial appointments, judges who interpret and do not legislate from the Federal Bench. And when fathers stop coaching Little League because they're afraid of liability lawsuits, that too is wrong. And so, we've proposed reforms to our court system to reduce the number of frivolous lawsuits. I don't want to get into any trouble with the bar association around here, but I once quoted to someone that line, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." And he said, "Yeah, well what works for lawyers?" [Laughter]

Legal reform will help our legal process work. But, you know the real answer for solving problems is to be more concerned with helping each other than suing each other. That seems to me a fundamental American principle.

Well look, we can't stop there. More than our court system needs reform, like our health care system. This is one of great concern to the people of Florida, not because it doesn't offer the world's best quality health care; it does. I think we'd all agree we are blessed by the best quality health care in the world. We must reform the system because too many people do not have access to insurance. And all Americans deserve quality health care in the sense of well-being that it brings. And too many people worry that they'll lose their insurance 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 right through the roof.

Well, you know the problem, but what's the solution? I can tell you what it's not first. It is not to go down the road of nationalized or socialized, expensive programs that we hear from the Democratic side. All that means—you look at those other programs over there—all that means is long lines and impersonal service. Well look, you can go down to the department of motor vehicles for that, you don't have to go change the medical system. [Laughter] So, our ap-

proach: make insurance available to all; keep the quality high, the bureaucracy low; and preserve choice for the patient.

And the last thing we want and need in this country is for the Government telling you who your doctor is going to be. Health care reform means improving the system, and that is what I'm attempting to do with this new comprehensive health care program that we have now.

There's another system where reform means changing the system, and I'm talking about the welfare system. Let's face it, too often that system perpetuates dependency instead of personal responsibility and the dignity of a job. Too often kids are born into yet another generation of despair; no hope, no dignity, simply another generation of welfare recipients. And we've got to change that. I've asked the Departments and Agencies to make it easier for the State and local governments to promote policies that protect and strengthen families. And we do that through what we call a much more flexible waiver system.

We need to help make families whole, help bring dignity back into their lives, and go after the deadbeat fathers who run out on their kids. That's what we need to be doing in reforming and strengthening the welfare system in this country.

We all know when it gets down to—certainly it's true now, Al and I were talking about it at lunch, and you can read it in these primary elections across the country. We all know that the number one issue on the minds of all Americans is the economy and jobs: people worried about providing for their families, meeting the everyday challenges of paying their bills, providing a home, teaching their kids, and setting aside for retirement. People are worried. Those that have a job, white-collar job perhaps, wonder whether they'll have it tomorrow.

The American people want this economy to work. They want it to create, preserve jobs. So, in my State of the Union Address I put forward a two-part plan. And the first part will get business stimulated right now. It would bring confidence back now; upgrading plant and equipment again; hiring workers again. And it uses incentives like the investment tax allowance, rapid depreciation. It

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To get housing back on its feet, I unveiled several commonsense proposals to get people buying and building homes. And these proposals will create, in Florida alone, an estimated 26,500 additional housing starts and 51,000 new construction jobs. Perhaps the most easily understood proposal along those lines is a \$5,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers. And with our plan, young people almost able to buy that first home could do it with that extra \$5,000 in their pockets. This is good. This is stimulative. This will work. This will restore confidence.

I hate to be critical at a wonderfully non-partisan lunch like this. But a word about the Democrats' plan: It's a rip-off. I've studied it. I've considered it carefully. It's a rip-off. Listen to the deal: Twenty-five cents a day in temporary tax relief for 2 years, for individuals, paid for, typically, by a large, permanent tax increase. And over in the Senate, the bill the Democrats are working on is not much better than the one in the House. Its centerpiece is a huge tax increase. And the last thing our economy needs now is a \$100 billion tax hike.

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 now. If the Democrats send me a monstrosity like the bill that passed through the House, I will send it right back, vetoing it the day that I get it. We are not going to let that happen to the taxpayer in this country.

And they ought to pass this plan and pass it soon to make our country more competitive. And here's the deadline: March 20th, the first day of spring. What a glorious day for some action out of the United States Congress. Just pass the plan and get this economy moving again. That's my charge to them, and if they don't do it, then we'll have to see what happens after the 20th. But I'll tell you, I think the American people want to say, set politics aside for a minute, pass the President's plan. And then they and I can go to general quarters and fight each other all the way to the fall, playing politics. Right now, the American people need action that will stimulate this economy.

There's a broader gauge, the second part of the plan, roadmap to make America competitive in this fast-changing world of ours. Our plan revolutionizes the American education system, none too soon. We've got a brilliant program called America 2000. Doesn't fine-tune, it just revolutionizes the education system in this country. Broad support from the Democratic Governors, Republican Governors alike. I was reading that the average eighth-grader spends four times as much time watching TV as doing homework. And that is wrong. And we can help change that by making our education system demand responsibility and demand results.

Our plan will also get the billions of dollars' worth of Government R&D, research and development, more quickly into the hands of our private-sector businesses and workers. That's the second part of this longer term plan. Get spectacular technological advances off the shelf and into the marketplace. We're turning to the Federal labs now, and working partnerships with business to get that genius, that inventive genius in those labs applied to U.S. commercial technology. Get those advances off the shelf and into the marketplace. And that's going to produce a real return on your tax dollars investment; helping to create new products, helping to create new jobs. The plan provides tax relief to strengthen the family. We raise the tax deduction for children by \$500. And make no mistake about it, I want all of this plan passed now. I want it passed as soon as possible.

Behind all of this is a very important decision for America. To succeed economically at home, we have to lead economically abroad. Some don't want us to lead. Some don't think we can compete. They want us to shut out the rest of the world. Well, those people could not be more wrong. Look over your shoulders to the thirties, to the days of protection and isolation and America first, in that sense. Look what happened to this country. Markets shrunk and we ended up in the worst depression the world has seen, certainly in modern times.

They couldn't be more wrong. More than 200,000 workers in Florida owe their jobs to manufactured exports. Last year alone, more than \$5 billion in exports went out through the Tampa customs district. The way to cre-

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TAMPA, FLORIDA  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1992  
12:00 P.M.

GENERAL SCHWARZKOPF, THANK YOU FOR THAT  
INTRODUCTION. ALEC COURTELIS, OUR CAMPAIGN'S NATIONAL  
FINANCE CO-CHAIR. DR. ZACH ZACHARIAH, FLORIDA  
BUSH-QUAYLE FINANCE CO-CHAIR. JEB BUSH. VAN POOLE,  
FLORIDA GOP CHAIRMAN. CONGRESSMAN MIKE BILIRAKIS.  
CONGRESSMAN BILL YOUNG. AL AUSTIN, EVENT CHAIRMAN.  
((I'VE JUST COME FROM THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IN PLANT  
CITY, AND I HAD A GREAT TIME. / FOR MY PART, IT SURE  
BEAT LAST YEAR'S BROCCOLI FESTIVAL.)) //

((I WANT YOU TO KNOW: I MADE MY OWN STRAWBERRY  
SHORTCAKE AT THE FESTIVAL. I WAS ABLE TO ENJOY IT  
RIGHT AWAY. / ONCE I COMPLETED IT, IT DIDN'T HAVE TO  
BE APPROVED BY CONGRESS.)) //

I'M GLAD TO BE WITH YOU. 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. / TO DO THAT, I  
NEED YOUR SUPPORT. HELP ME WIN THE PRESIDENCY FOR FOUR  
MORE YEARS. //

I ASK YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE SIMPLEST REASON. WE BELIEVE IN THE SAME THINGS -- THE IMPORTANT THINGS. //

WE KNOW THAT TAXES ARE TOO HIGH -- BECAUSE OUR GOVERNMENT IS TOO BIG AND IT SPENDS TOO MUCH. / WE BELIEVE IN A STRONG DEFENSE. // WE BELIEVE IN FAITH AND FAMILY -- RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPECT -- COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY. / AND YES, WE BELIEVE THERE'S A PLACE FOR VOLUNTARY PRAYER IN OUR CHILDREN'S CLASSROOMS.

WE KNOW THAT WE PUT AMERICA FIRST WHEN WE PUT AMERICA'S FAMILIES FIRST. //

SO OFTEN TODAY POLITICIANS DO THE EASY THING -- THE POPULAR THING. / BUT IT'S THE TOUGH DECISIONS THAT TELL YOU SOMETHING IMPORTANT ABOUT CHARACTER AND PRINCIPLE. / FOR I BELIEVE IN THINGS THAT DON'T CHANGE FROM ONE ELECTION TO THE NEXT. THINGS THAT GUIDE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US -- EACH DAY OF EVERY YEAR. //

I BELIEVE IN THE THINGS WHICH HAVE LED US TO A NEW ERA IN AMERICA'S HISTORY -- THE IMPORTANT THINGS -- JOBS, FAMILY, PEACE. / MY FRIENDS, THE COLD WAR IS OVER -- AND AMERICA WON. // THE SOVIET UNION COLLAPSED -- AND IMPERIAL COMMUNISM IS FINISHED. // MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, AS A RESULT OF OUR TREMENDOUS VICTORY IN DESERT STORM OUR CREDIBILITY HAS NEVER BEEN HIGHER ALL AROUND THE WORLD. IT WAS OUR LEADERSHIP THAT CHANGED THE WORLD, NOW LET'S USE THAT SAME LEADERSHIP TO CHANGE AMERICA. //

WE ARE CHANGING IT BY ~~MAKING~~ <sup>SETTING</sup> RIGHT WHAT IS SIMPLY ON THE WRONG TRACK <sup>IN</sup> ~~OF~~ OUR COUNTRY. TAKE OUR COURTS, FOR EXAMPLE. //

WHEN THE RIGHTS OF THE CRIMINAL ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE RIGHTS OF THE VICTIM, THAT'S WRONG. / I'M PROUD OF OUR TOUGH STAND ON CRIME. AND I'M PROUD OF OUR JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS -- JUDGES WHO INTERPRET, NOT LEGISLATE. //

WHEN FATHERS STOP COACHING LITTLE LEAGUE BECAUSE  
THEY'RE AFRAID OF LIABILITY LAWSUITS -- THAT, TOO, IS  
WRONG. // SO WE'VE PROPOSED REFORMS TO OUR COURT  
SYSTEM TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF FRIVOLOUS LAWSUITS. //

((I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO TROUBLE WITH THE BAR  
ASSOCIATION, BUT I ONCE QUOTED TO SOMEONE THAT LINE,  
"AN APPLE A DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY." / HE SAID,  
"WHAT WORKS FOR LAWYERS?")) / LEGAL REFORM WILL HELP  
OUR LEGAL PROCESS WORK. BUT, YOU KNOW, THE REAL ANSWER  
FOR SOLVING PROBLEMS IS TO BE MORE CONCERNED WITH  
HELPING EACH OTHER THAN SUING EACH OTHER. //

BUT WE CAN'T STOP THERE. MORE THAN OUR COURT SYSTEM NEEDS REFORM -- LIKE THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. NOT BECAUSE IT DOESN'T OFFER THE WORLD'S BEST QUALITY HEALTH CARE, IT DOES. WE MUST REFORM THE SYSTEM BECAUSE TOO MANY PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO INSURANCE, AND ALL AMERICANS DESERVE QUALITY HEALTH CARE AND THE SENSE OF WELL-BEING THAT IT BRINGS. TOO MANY PEOPLE WORRY THAT THEY'LL LOSE THEIR INSURANCE 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. //

YOU KNOW THE PROBLEMS, BUT WHAT'S THE SOLUTION? I CAN TELL YOU WHAT IT'S NOT. IT IS NOT TO GO DOWN THE ROAD OF SOCIALIZED MEDICINE. // ALL THAT MEANS IS LONG LINES AND IMPERSONAL SERVICE. WE CAN GET THAT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES. / MY APPROACH IS TO MAKE INSURANCE AVAILABLE TO ALL --KEEP THE QUALITY HIGH, THE BUREAUCRACY LOW -- AND PRESERVE CHOICE. / THE LAST THING WE WANT IS THE GOVERNMENT TELLING YOU WHO YOUR DOCTOR'S GOING TO BE. //

HEALTH CARE REFORM MEANS IMPROVING THE SYSTEM. /  
THERE'S ANOTHER SYSTEM WHERE REFORM MEANS CHANGING THE  
SYSTEM. I'M TALKING ABOUT WELFARE. / LET'S FACE IT:  
TOO OFTEN THE WELFARE SYSTEM PERPETUATES DEPENDENCY  
INSTEAD OF 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  
PROMOTE POLICIES THAT PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN FAMILIES.  
// WE NEED TO HELP MAKE FAMILIES WHOLE -- HELP BRING  
DIGNITY BACK INTO THEIR LIVES AND GO AFTER DEAD-BEAT  
FATHERS WHO RUN OUT ON THEIR CHILDREN. //

BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE ON THE  
MINDS OF ALL AMERICANS IS THE ECONOMY -- AND JOBS. /  
PEOPLE WORRIED ABOUT PROVIDING FOR THEIR FAMILIES /  
MEETING THE EVERYDAY CHALLENGES OF PAYING THE BILLS,  
PROVIDING A HOME, TEACHING THEIR KIDS, AND SETTING  
ASIDE FOR RETIREMENT. //

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT THIS ECONOMY TO WORK --  
TO CREATE AND PRESERVE JOBS. SO IN MY STATE OF THE  
UNION ADDRESS, I PUT FORTH 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. /  
IT CALLS FOR CONGRESS TO WAKE UP AND UNDERSTAND HOW THE  
REAL WORLD WORKS, AND CUT THE TAX ON CAPITAL GAINS. //

AND TO GET HOUSING BACK ON ITS FEET I UNVEILED SEVERAL COMMON SENSE PROPOSALS TO GET PEOPLE BUYING AND BUILDING HOMES. THESE PROPOSALS WILL CREATE IN FLORIDA ALONE AN ESTIMATED 26,500 ADDITIONAL HOUSING STARTS AND 51,000 NEW CONSTRUCTION JOBS. // 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 THAT EXTRA \$5,000 IN THEIR POCKET. / A WORD ABOUT THE HOUSE DEMOCRATS' SO-CALLED "PLAN." IT'S A RIPOFF. LISTEN TO THEIR DEAL: 25 CENTS A DAY IN TEMPORARY TAX RELIEF FOR TWO YEARS -- PAID FOR -- TYPICAL OF THE DEMOCRATS -- BY A LARGE PERMANENT TAX INCREASE. OVER IN THE SENATE, THE BILL THE DEMOCRATS ARE WORKING ON IS NOT MUCH BETTER THAN THE ONE IN THE HOUSE. IT'S CENTERPIECE IS A HUGE TAX INCREASE. THE LAST THING OUR ECONOMY NEEDS NOW IS A 100 BILLION DOLLAR TAX HIKE.

WE DREW A LINE IN THE SAND IN THE PERSIAN GULF AND KEPT OUR WORD. I'LL DRAW ANOTHER LINE IN THE SAND RIGHT NOW. IF THE DEMOCRATS SEND ME A MONSTROSITY LIKE THE BILL PASSED THROUGH THE HOUSE, I'LL SEND IT RIGHT BACK. I WILL VETO IT THE MINUTE IT HITS MY DESK. // CONGRESS OUGHT TO PASS MY PLAN TO MAKE AMERICA MORE COMPETITIVE. HERE'S THE DEADLINE: MARCH 20, THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING. / HERE'S THE CHALLENGE: GIVE AMERICAN WORKERS A SPRING BREAK. / NO MORE GAMES / NO MORE EMPTY GESTURES / JUST PASS MY PLAN AND GET THIS ECONOMY MOVING. /

THIS ALSO MEANS THAT CONGRESS MUST ALSO PASS THE SECOND PART OF MY ECONOMIC PLAN THIS YEAR. IT'S A ROAD MAP TO MAKE AMERICA COMPETITIVE IN THE FAST-CHANGING WORLD OF THE 21ST CENTURY. //

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GOP LUNCHEON  
TAMPA, FLORIDA  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1992  
12:00 P.M.

GENERAL SCHWARZKOPF, THANK YOU FOR THAT  
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FINANCE CO-CHAIR. DR. ZACH ZACHARIAH, FLORIDA  
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((I'VE JUST COME FROM THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IN PLANT  
CITY, AND I HAD A GREAT TIME. / FOR MY PART, IT SURE  
BEAT LAST YEAR'S BROCCOLI FESTIVAL.)) //

((I WANT YOU TO KNOW: I MADE MY OWN STRAWBERRY  
SHORTCAKE AT THE FESTIVAL. I WAS ABLE TO ENJOY IT  
RIGHT AWAY. / ONCE I COMPLETED IT, IT DIDN'T HAVE TO  
BE APPROVED BY CONGRESS.)) //

I'M GLAD TO BE WITH YOU. 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. / TO DO THAT, I  
NEED YOUR SUPPORT. HELP ME WIN THE PRESIDENCY FOR FOUR  
MORE YEARS. //

I ASK YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE SIMPLEST REASON. WE BELIEVE IN THE SAME THINGS -- THE IMPORTANT THINGS. //

WE KNOW THAT TAXES ARE TOO HIGH -- BECAUSE OUR GOVERNMENT IS TOO BIG AND IT SPENDS TOO MUCH. / WE BELIEVE IN A STRONG DEFENSE. // WE BELIEVE IN FAITH AND FAMILY -- RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPECT -- COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY. / AND YES, WE BELIEVE THERE'S A PLACE FOR VOLUNTARY PRAYER IN OUR CHILDREN'S CLASSROOMS.

WE KNOW THAT WE PUT AMERICA FIRST WHEN WE PUT AMERICA'S FAMILIES FIRST. //

SO OFTEN TODAY POLITICIANS DO THE EASY THING -- THE POPULAR THING. / BUT IT'S THE TOUGH DECISIONS THAT TELL YOU SOMETHING IMPORTANT ABOUT CHARACTER AND PRINCIPLE. / FOR I BELIEVE IN THINGS THAT DON'T CHANGE FROM ONE ELECTION TO THE NEXT. THINGS THAT GUIDE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US -- EACH DAY OF EVERY YEAR. //

I BELIEVE IN THE THINGS WHICH HAVE LED US TO A NEW ERA IN AMERICA'S HISTORY -- THE IMPORTANT THINGS -- JOBS, FAMILY, PEACE. / MY FRIENDS, THE COLD WAR IS OVER -- AND AMERICA WON. // THE SOVIET UNION COLLAPSED -- AND IMPERIAL COMMUNISM IS FINISHED. // MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, AS A RESULT OF OUR TREMENDOUS VICTORY IN DESERT STORM OUR CREDIBILITY HAS NEVER BEEN HIGHER ALL AROUND THE WORLD. IT WAS OUR LEADERSHIP THAT CHANGED THE WORLD, NOW LET'S USE THAT SAME LEADERSHIP TO CHANGE AMERICA. //

WE ARE CHANGING IT BY MAKING RIGHT WHAT IS SIMPLY ON THE WRONG TRACK OF OUR COUNTRY. TAKE OUR COURTS, FOR EXAMPLE. //

WHEN THE RIGHTS OF THE CRIMINAL ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE RIGHTS OF THE VICTIM, THAT'S WRONG. / I'M PROUD OF OUR TOUGH STAND ON CRIME. AND I'M PROUD OF OUR JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS -- JUDGES WHO INTERPRET, NOT LEGISLATE. //

WHEN FATHERS STOP COACHING LITTLE LEAGUE BECAUSE THEY'RE AFRAID OF LIABILITY LAWSUITS -- THAT, TOO, IS WRONG. // SO WE'VE PROPOSED REFORMS TO OUR COURT SYSTEM TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF FRIVOLOUS LAWSUITS. //

((I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO TROUBLE WITH THE BAR ASSOCIATION, BUT I ONCE QUOTED TO SOMEONE THAT LINE, "AN APPLE A DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY." / HE SAID, "WHAT WORKS FOR LAWYERS?")) / LEGAL REFORM WILL HELP OUR LEGAL PROCESS WORK. BUT, YOU KNOW, THE REAL ANSWER FOR SOLVING PROBLEMS IS TO BE MORE CONCERNED WITH HELPING EACH OTHER THAN SUING EACH OTHER. //

BUT WE CAN'T STOP THERE. MORE THAN OUR COURT SYSTEM NEEDS REFORM -- LIKE THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. NOT BECAUSE IT DOESN'T OFFER THE WORLD'S BEST QUALITY HEALTH CARE, IT DOES. WE MUST REFORM THE SYSTEM BECAUSE TOO MANY PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO INSURANCE, AND ALL AMERICANS DESERVE QUALITY HEALTH CARE AND THE SENSE OF WELL-BEING THAT IT BRINGS. TOO MANY PEOPLE WORRY THAT THEY'LL LOSE THEIR INSURANCE 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. //

YOU KNOW THE PROBLEMS, BUT WHAT'S THE SOLUTION? I CAN TELL YOU WHAT IT'S NOT. IT IS NOT TO GO DOWN THE ROAD OF SOCIALIZED MEDICINE. // ALL THAT MEANS IS LONG LINES AND IMPERSONAL SERVICE. WE CAN GET THAT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES. / MY APPROACH IS TO MAKE INSURANCE AVAILABLE TO ALL --KEEP THE QUALITY HIGH, THE BUREAUCRACY LOW -- AND PRESERVE CHOICE. / THE LAST THING WE WANT IS THE GOVERNMENT TELLING YOU WHO YOUR DOCTOR'S GOING TO BE. //

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THERE'S ANOTHER SYSTEM WHERE REFORM MEANS CHANGING THE  
SYSTEM. I'M TALKING ABOUT WELFARE. / LET'S FACE IT:  
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// WE NEED TO HELP MAKE FAMILIES WHOLE -- HELP BRING  
DIGNITY BACK INTO THEIR LIVES AND GO AFTER DEAD-BEAT  
FATHERS WHO RUN OUT ON THEIR CHILDREN. //

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PEOPLE WORRIED ABOUT PROVIDING FOR THEIR FAMILIES /  
MEETING THE EVERYDAY CHALLENGES OF PAYING THE BILLS,  
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ASIDE FOR RETIREMENT. //

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT THIS ECONOMY TO WORK --  
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UNION ADDRESS, I PUT FORTH A TWO-PART PLAN. THE FIRST  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVE DEMAREST

FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*

SUBJECT: PROPOSED REMARKS FOR THE TAMPA, FLORIDA  
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We know that taxes are too high -- because our government is too big and it spends too much. / We believe in a strong defense. // We believe in faith and family -- responsibility and respect -- community and country. / We know that we put America first when we put America's families first. //

So often today politicians do the easy thing -- the popular thing. / But it's the tough decisions that tell you something important about character and principle. / For I believe in

Make no mistake about it  
~~our success~~ As a result of our tremendous  
victory in 1980, our credibility  
has never been higher all around  
the world.

Things that don't change from one election to the next. Things that guide each and every one of us -- each day of every year. //

I believe in the things which have led us to a new era in America's history -- the important things -- jobs, family, peace.

/ My friends, the Cold War is over -- and America won. // The Soviet Union collapsed -- and Imperial Communism is finished. // American leadership changed the world. Republican leadership is changing America. //

We are changing it by making right what is simply on the wrong track of our country. Take our courts, for example. //

When the rights of the criminal are more important than the rights of the victim, that's wrong. / I'm proud of our tough stand on crime. And I'm proud of our judicial appointments -- judges who interpret, not legislate. //

When kids can't say a voluntary prayer in school -- or when fathers stop coaching Little League because they're afraid of liability lawsuits -- that, too, is wrong. // So we've proposed reforms to our court system to reduce the number of frivolous lawsuits. //

((I don't want to get into trouble with the Bar Association, but I once quoted to someone that line, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." / He said, "What works for lawyers?")) / Legal reform will help our legal process work. But, you know, the real answer for solving problems is to be more concerned with helping each other than suing each other. //

It was our leadership that changed the world now let's use the same leadership to change America

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But we can't stop there. More than our court system needs reform -- like the health care system. Not because it doesn't offer the world's best quality health care, it does. We must reform the system because too many people don't have access to insurance, and all Americans deserve quality health care and the sense of well-being that it brings. Too many people worry that they'll lose their insurance 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. //

You know the problems, but what's the solution? I can tell you what it's not. It is not to go down the road of socialized medicine. // All that means is long lines and impersonal service. We can get that at the Department of Motor Vehicles. / My approach is to make insurance available to all --keep the quality high, the bureaucracy low -- and preserve choice. / The last thing we want is the government telling you who your doctor's going to be. //

Health care reform means improving the system. / There's another system where reform means changing the system. I'm talking about welfare. / Let's face it: Too often the welfare system perpetuates dependency instead of 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 promote policies that protect and strengthen families. // We need to help make families whole -- help bring dignity back into

their lives and go after dead-beat fathers who run out on their children. //

But we all know that the number one issue on the minds of all Americans is the economy -- and jobs. / People worried about providing for their families / meeting the everyday challenges of paying the bills, providing a home, teaching their kids, and setting aside for retirement. //

The American people want this economy to work -- to create and preserve jobs. So in my State of the Union Address, I put forth 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. / It calls for Congress to wake up and understand how the real world works, and cut the tax on capital gains. //

And to get housing back on its feet I unveiled several common sense proposals to get people buying and building homes. These proposals will create in Florida alone an estimated 26,500 additional housing starts and 51,000 new construction jobs. // Perhaps the most easily understood proposal is a \$5,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers. / It's easy to understand the Democrats' plan for first-time homebuyers, too -- there isn't one. / But with our plan, young people almost able to buy that first home could do it with that extra \$5,000 in their pocket. /

A word about the House Democrats' so-called "plan." It's a ripoff. Listen to their deal: 25 cents a day in temporary tax relief for two years -- paid for -- typical of the Democrats --

by a large permanent tax increase. // Over in the Senate, the Democrats' notions get a bidding war going -- but to pay for that they'd hike tax rates for the middle class -- people making \$35,000 a year -- people like teachers, factory workers, and everyday Floridians. The last thing our economy needs now is a \$100 billion tax increase by that Democratic Congress. //

We drew a line in the sand in the Persian Gulf and kept our word. I'll draw another line in the sand right now. If the Democrats send me ~~nonsense~~ <sup>a monstrosity</sup> like the bill passed through the House, I'll send it right back. I will veto it the minute it hits my desk. // ~~Instead of their phony maneuvers,~~ Congress ought to pass my plan to make America more competitive. Here's the deadline: March 20, the first day of spring. / Here's the challenge: Give American workers a spring break. / No more games / no more empty gestures / just pass my plan and get this economy moving. /

This also means that Congress must also pass the second part of my economic plan this year. It's a road map to make America competitive in the fast-changing world of the 21st Century. //

Our plan revolutionizes America's education system, and none too soon. I was reading that the average 8th-grader spends four times as much as time watching TV as doing homework. / There are some wonderful education programs on TV -- no question. But TV shouldn't be America's babysitter -- that's wrong. // We can help change that by making our education system demand responsibility and results. // Our plan will also get the

billions of dollars worth of government research and development more quickly into the hands of our private sector businesses and workers. Get spectacular technological advances off the shelf and into the marketplace. / That'll produce a real return on your tax dollars investment -- helping to create new products and new jobs. / And 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. //

Behind all of this is an important decision for America: To succeed economically at home, we have to lead economically abroad. Some don't want us to lead -- think we can't compete -- want us to shut out the rest of the world. These people couldn't be more wrong. // Here's a statistic: Nearly 1.4 million Florida jobs stem from trade. The way to create jobs here isn't to cut and run. We're not going to do that -- ever. / The way to create jobs is by opening markets for exports everywhere in the world. I am going to fight hard in every foreign market to do just that. //

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REMARKS:

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RESPONSE:

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We are changing it by making right what is simply on the wrong track of our country. Take our courts, for example. //

When the rights of the criminal are more important than the rights of the victim, that's wrong. / I'm proud of our tough stand on crime. And I'm proud of our judicial appointments -- judges who interpret, not legislate. //

When fathers stop coaching Little League because they're afraid of liability lawsuits -- that, too, is wrong. // So we've proposed reforms to our court system to reduce the number of frivolous lawsuits. //

((I don't want to get into trouble with the Bar Association, but I once quoted to someone that line, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." / He said, "What works for lawyers?")) / Legal reform will help our legal process work. But, you know, the real

answer for solving problems is to be more concerned with helping each other than suing each other. //

But we can't stop there. More than our court system needs reform -- like the health care system. Not because it doesn't offer the world's best quality health care, it does. We must reform the system because too many people don't have access to insurance, and all Americans deserve quality health care and the sense of well-being that it brings. Too many people worry that they'll lose their insurance 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. //

You know the problems, but what's the solution? I can tell you what it's not. It is not to go down the road of socialized medicine. // All that means is long lines and impersonal service. We can get that at the Department of Motor Vehicles. / My approach is to make insurance available to all --keep the quality high, the bureaucracy low -- and preserve choice. / The last thing we want is the government telling you who your doctor's going to be. //

Health care reform means improving the system. / There's another system where reform means changing the system. I'm talking about welfare. / Let's face it: Too often the welfare system perpetuates dependency instead of 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 promote policies that protect and strengthen families. // We

need to help make families whole -- help bring dignity back into their lives and go after dead-beat fathers who run out on their children. //

But we all know that the number one issue on the minds of all Americans is the economy -- and jobs. / People worried about providing for their families / meeting the everyday challenges of paying the bills, providing a home, teaching their kids, and setting aside for retirement. //

The American people want this economy to work -- to create and preserve jobs. So in my State of the Union Address, I put forth 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. / It calls for Congress to wake up and understand how the real world works, and cut the tax on capital gains. //

And to get housing back on its feet I unveiled several common sense proposals to get people buying and building homes. These proposals will create in Florida alone an estimated 26,500 additional housing starts and 51,000 new construction jobs. // Perhaps the most easily understood proposal is a \$5,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers. / It's easy to understand the Democrats' plan for first-time homebuyers, too -- there isn't one. / But with our plan, young people almost able to buy that first home could do it with that extra \$5,000 in their pocket. /

A word about the House Democrats' so-called "plan." It's a ripoff. Listen to their deal: 25 cents a day in temporary tax

relief for two years -- paid for -- typical of the Democrats -- by a large permanent tax increase. // Over in the Senate, the Democrats' notions get a bidding war going -- but to pay for that they'd hike tax rates for the middle class -- people making \$35,000 a year -- people like teachers, factory workers, and everyday Floridians. / The last thing our economy needs now is a \$100 billion tax increase by that Democratic Congress. //

We drew a line in the sand in the Persian Gulf and kept our word. I'll draw another line in the sand right now. If the Democrats send me a monstrosity like the bill passed through the House, I'll send it right back. I will veto it the minute it hits my desk. // ~~Instead of their phony maneuvers,~~ Congress ought to pass my plan to make America more competitive. Here's the deadline: March 20, the first day of spring. / Here's the challenge: Give American workers a spring break. / No more games / no more empty gestures / just pass my plan and get this economy moving./

This also means that Congress must also pass the second part of my economic plan this year. It's a road map to make America competitive in the fast-changing world of the 21st Century. //

Our plan revolutionizes America's education system, and none too soon. I was reading that the average 8th-grader spends four times as much time watching TV as doing homework. / There are some wonderful education programs on TV -- no question. But TV shouldn't be America's babysitter -- that's wrong. // We can help change that by making our education system demand

responsibility and results. // Our plan will also get the billions of dollars worth of government research and development more quickly into the hands of our private sector businesses and workers. Get spectacular technological advances off the shelf and into the marketplace. / That'll produce a real return on your tax dollars investment -- helping to create new products and new jobs. / And 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 now. //

Behind all of this is an important decision for America: To succeed economically at home, we have to lead economically abroad. Some don't want us to lead -- think we can't compete -- want us to shut out the rest of the world. These people couldn't be more wrong. // More than 200,000 workers in Florida owe their jobs to manufactured exports. Last year alone more than \$5 billion in exports went out through the Tampa Customs District. The way to create jobs here isn't to cut and run. We're not going to do that -- ever. / The way to create jobs is by opening markets for exports everywhere in the world. I am going to fight hard in every foreign market to do just that. //

I'm also going to fight hard in every primary -- not for my sake -- but for America's. For, you see, I happen to believe this: Just as America is the hope of the world -- Republican leadership is the hope of America. //

I believe the American people want to hear about how we're going to address our country's challenges. They want to hear

solutions, not just a lot of name calling and running this country down. // For you and I -- we believe in America. We know that we are number one -- make no mistake about it. / We are optimistic about its future -- about keeping inflation low and our confidence high / about protecting the savings of our elderly. / And we believe in our party -- as I believe in you. // The Florida Primary is crucial: 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'll get the job done. Not through the bureaucrats of trend and fashion -- but through the people whose values -- values like love of country and love of God -- are never / ever / out of fashion./

Yes, we have many challenges before us. And I guarantee you, we will meet them -- each and every one of them -- meet them from the great Panhandle to the tip of the Florida Keys.

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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