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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GOP DINNER, MIAMI, FL, 03/04

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
 Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MARCH 2, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVE DEMAREST

FROM: CURT SMITH 

SUBJECT: PROPOSED REMARKS FOR THE MIAMI, FLORIDA
BUSH-QUAYLE FUNDRAISER DINNER

I. SUMMARY

On Wednesday, March 4 at 8:00 p.m. you will deliver remarks to an audience of 1000 at the Bush-Quayle Fundraiser Dinner at the Radison Mart Plaza Hotel in Miami, Florida.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks (approximately 14 minutes / teleprompter) focus on the economy and the economic growth plans now being debated in Congress. On page five I have bracketed the passage about the House Democrats' bill. The language is subject to change in the next few days. Your remarks also highlight reforms in the legal, health care and welfare systems, and reaffirm the traditional beliefs of the Republican Party. Because the audience will be largely (approximately 35%) Cuban, your remarks touch upon the issue of totalitarianism in Cuba.

(Smith/Grossman)
March 1, 1992
Draft Three
MIAMI

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GOP DINNER
MIAMI, FLORIDA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1992

[[ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS]]. ((When I found out what Jeb was going to say, I told him it was one of the nicest introductions I've received in quite awhile. He said, "Dad, it's all relative."))

((First, a confession. My one disappointment here is that I won't get a chance on this visit to drop by "Esquina de Tejas." [Es KEE nah dey TEH hass] I have to admit that eating at that wonderful Cuban restaurant is my Miami Vice.)) //

It's a pleasure to be here tonight. 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 -- jobs, family, peace -- 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. / We know that we put America first when we put America's families first. //

So often today's 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 one of us -- each day of every year. //

During my Presidency I've been blessed to take part in a new era in America's history. My friends, the Cold War is over -- and America won. // The Soviet Union collapsed -- and Imperial Communism is dead. //

Last week marked a special birthday: The battle of Grito de Baire [BYE rey] in Cuba's war of independence. / We support independence. We want freedom and prosperity for the Cuban people and an end to Fidel Castro's totalitarian regime. //

Castro has become an outcast even among dictators. // He is not a leader -- he's a warden. His beaches are not borders -- they're the confines of freedom. / For years, the Cuban community has energized Miami. Someday freedom-loving people will change that island for the better -- just like America has changed the world. Tonight, I want to talk about how Republican leadership is changing America. //

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

There's something wrong when the rights of the criminal are more important than the rights of the victim. / I'm proud of our tough stand on crime -- although if Congress passed my crime bill we could be even tougher. 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 is when people stop volunteering to help each other because they fear ambulance-chasing lawyers. // This is not the America we want. //

These days a sharp lawyer would tell the Good Samaritan -- keep on walking. I want to change that -- so I've proposed reforms to our 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 -- not until we reform our health care system. Not because it doesn't offer the world's highest quality care, it does. We must reform it because too many people don't have access to health insurance. 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./

What's the solution? 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 idea 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 assigning you a doctor. //

Health care reform means improving the system. / There's another area where reform means changing the system. // I'm talking about welfare. Let's face it: Too often welfare encourages 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 reform policies and help broken 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. //

This leads me to the number one issue on the minds of all Americans: the economy -- jobs. People worried about their jobs -- providing for their families / meeting the challenges of paying the bills, buying a home, and setting aside for retirement.//

The American people want this economy to grow -- to create and preserve jobs. So in January, I unveiled a two-part plan. The first part gets business moving again -- upgrading plant and equipment again -- hiring workers again. / It uses incentives like an investment tax allowance -- and calls for Congress to wake up and understand how jobs are created, and cut the tax on capital gains. /

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, people almost able to buy that first
 home could do it with the extra \$5,000 in their pocket. /

((203 years ago on this very date the United States Congress
 met for the first time.)) [[Wonder what they would think today
 about the House Democrats' so-called "plan." Here's the Democrat
 deal: 25 cents a day in temporary tax relief for two years --
 paid for -- typical of them -- by a large permanent tax increase.
 / Over in the Senate, the Democrats are in a bidding war -- but
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 people making \$35,000 a year -- people like teachers, policeman,
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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 like the bill passed through the
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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./

Some question the need to act now. Well, let me repeat the story of a little boy who asked why his friend's grandmother read the Bible so much. "I'm not sure," said his friend, "but I think it's because she's cramming for her finals." / Urgency counts in any world. / So I'm asking Congress to also pass the second part of my plan this year. It's a road map to make us competitive.

Our plan revolutionizes America's education system. I was reading that the average 8th-grader spends four times as much time watching TV as doing homework. / TV shouldn't be America's baby-sitter. We can change that by making our schools accountable, and demand excellence. // Our plan will get the billions of dollars of government research and development more quickly to private sector businesses and workers. / We have a commitment to children and strong families -- and our plan provides tax relief to strengthen the family. / We want to raise the tax deduction for children by \$500 dollars. Make no mistake, I want this plan passed in this session of Congress. ^{Now} *per. Ede Holiday*

Behind all of this is an idea vital to America: To succeed economically at home, we have to lead economically abroad. / Some don't want us to lead -- they think we should just shut out the rest of the world. They're dead wrong. / Get this: Almost 1.4 million Florida jobs stem from trade. Last year alone more than \$11 billion in trade came through the Miami Customs District. // You know that the way to create jobs is not to cut and run -- but to open markets for our exports everywhere in the world. I am going to fight hard in every foreign market to do just that. //

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 running this country down. // Solutions that will keep inflation low / our confidence high / and protect the savings of our elderly. / Solutions that will win the war on drugs -- and we are winning: Witness the massive seizure of drugs in South Florida over the past several months.

Yes, we have much to do. But I guarantee you we'll get the job done. Not through Washington's phony-balonies. But through everyday Americans who work and save and teach and pray. / People who know that America is number one -- and will work to keep it that way. //

I'm going to fight hard in the Florida Primary for these people -- fight for what is right, and good. / I saw in the eight years my friend Ronald Reagan led America how leadership matters. / Last year, we saw America stand tall again in the Persian Gulf. / I believe the next five years are just too important to entrust to the inexperienced. / So I ask for your help to keep our party strong and united so we can win this fall.

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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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Speechwriting, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 4:00 PM, Friday, February 28, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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(Smith/Grossman/Chia)
February 26, 1992
Draft Two
FLAGOP

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GOP LUNCHEON
TAMPA, FLORIDA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1992

[[ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS]]. __, thank you for that introduction.
((I've just come from the Strawberry Festival in Plant City, ^{and I had} / ^{a great} time.
^{it sure beat last year's}
For my part, ~~I'm just glad it wasn't a~~ 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} ~~costs~~ too much. / We believe in a strong defense.
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-- 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

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. ~~Things like liberty / freedom / human dignity / self-respect.~~ ^{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} ~~can~~ ^{ins} ~~change~~ ^{ins} America. //

We ^{are} ~~can~~ change ^{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. //

~~Or when doctors stop delivering babies because they fear a malpractice lawsuit -- or when people stop volunteering to help each other because they fear ambulance-chasing lawyers. / This is not the America we want. //~~

~~Today a sharp lawyer would tell the Good Samaritan -- keep on walking. I want to change that.~~ ^{reduce the number} So we've proposed reforms to our court system to ~~address the question~~ 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 --* ~~We also have to reform the health~~
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~~care system.~~ Not because it doesn't offer the world's best quality health care, it does. We must reform ~~our~~ ^{the} health system because too many people don't have access to ~~health~~ insurance, *and all Americans deserve quality health care and the sense of well-being that 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* ~~I'll first~~ 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

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~~promote~~ reform policies that ~~promote~~ ^{protect and strengthen} broken 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 ~~what~~ ^{that} the number one issue on the minds of all Americans is ~~it's~~ ^{and jobs.} the economy. People worried about ~~their jobs~~ providing for their families / meeting the everyday challenges of paying the bills, providing a home, teaching ~~our~~ ^{their} kids, and setting aside for ~~our~~ 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. // 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 the ~~the~~ extra \$5,000 in their pocket. /

A word about the House Democrats' so-called "plan." It's ~~really~~ 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. /

of new veto language
~~Here's what the Democrats won't tell you: Their plan adds more than \$30 billion to the deficit, and the jobs it creates are more likely to be for more tax collectors.~~ The last thing our economy needs now is a ^{90 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 this nonsense ^{like the bill pushed through the House} ~~they're talking about,~~ 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 by age 12, American kids have spent 12,000 hours in school and 15,000 watching television. There are some wonderful educational 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

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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. //

Florida work?

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. 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. //

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~~We saw that in the eight years Ronald Reagan led America. Last year, we saw it in the Persian Gulf. // ((Somebody was talking about Tampa's Norm Schwarzkopf, and he said: "I've figured out how the Buccaneers can make the Super Bowl. All they have to do is convince Norm to coach.")) // For the last three~~

~~years I have stood with Republican leaders against a Congress that would undermine the values we fought for in the Gulf. Twenty-five times these values were upheld -- vetoes of bad legislation sustained. / And the next five years for America 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. 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. //

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 28, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*
SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: GOP Luncheon, Tampa

We have reviewed the attached presidential remarks and have noted a few suggested changes on the draft.

If you have any questions or we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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Deputy Assistant to the President for
Communications and Director of Speechwriting

FROM:

ROB SWANSON *RSB*

Assistant Counsel to the President

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks -- GOP Luncheon, Tampa

At your request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter. We have no legal objections.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter.

cc: Phil Brady

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TO: TONY SNOW February 28, 1992

The NSC staff concurs with the draft presidential remarks. *Comment page 3.*

for Brent Scowcroft

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