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Executive Order 12813—President's Commission on Management of the Agency for International Development (AID) Programs
August 4, 1992

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to establish in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2), an advisory commission on the management of the Agency for International Development (AID) programs, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Establishment. There is established the "President's Commission on Management of the Agency for International Development (AID) Programs" ("Commission"). The Commission shall comprise five members from the private sector appointed by the President. The President shall designate the Chairman of the Commission from among its members.

Sec. 2. Functions. The Commission shall advise the Administrator of AID in the review and implementation of recommendations provided in the report to the President issued by the previous commission on management of AID programs (which was established by Public Law 101-513 and which terminated on May 16, 1992). The Commission shall also report to the Deputy Secretary of State on the progress made in implementing the recommendations.

Sec. 3. Administration. (a) To the extent permitted by law, the Administrator of AID shall provide funding for the Commission.

(b) Members of the Commission shall serve without any compensation for their work on the Commission. While engaged in the work of the Commission, they shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law for persons serving intermittently in the Government service (5 U.S.C. 5701-5707).

(c) The Administrator of AID shall provide on a reimbursable basis such administrative services as the Chairman of the Commission may request and the Administrator of AID deems appropriate.

(d) To the extent permitted by law, the Chairman may, through the Administrator of

AID, procure temporary and intermittent services.

Sec. 4. General Provisions. (a) Notwithstanding any other Executive order, the functions of the President under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that are applicable to the Commission, shall be performed by the Administrator of AID in accordance with the guidelines and procedures established by the Administrator of General Services.

(b) The Commission shall terminate not later than September 30, 1992.

George Bush

The White House,
August 4, 1992.

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register,
4:30 p.m., August 5, 1992]

Note: This Executive order was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 5, and it was published in the Federal Register on August 7.

Remarks to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Convention in New York City
August 5, 1992

Thank you very, very much for that warm welcome. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Please be seated, and thank you all. May I salute Virgil Dechant, my friend of long standing, and thank him for that most generous welcome here. Your Eminence, Cardinal O'Connor, it is a great pleasure, an honor, sir, to see you again. May I salute Cardinal Baum, Cardinal Gagnon, Bishop Daily; another old friend, Ambassador Tom Melady, who is doing a superb job for our country, representing us at the Vatican; and the clergy; and ladies and gentlemen. May I salute a man who used to be—whose house made him a neighbor, Archbishop Cacciavillan, from Washington, the Nuncio there, a good man, a good friend. Nice to see you. I'm glad you're here, sir.

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A report came across my desk the other day. It stated that most people in the Western world "felt exceedingly gloomy about the future." It said that "institutions were decaying, well-meaning people were growing cynical." These are exact quotes.

My first thought was that's what happens when people spend too much time watching the evening news. [Laughter] I'm going to pay for that one tonight on that first 20 seconds. [Laughter] Just kidding, Dan. [Laughter]

No, but what I was reading was not a report about 1992. It was a history of public attitudes in Europe in 1492. Public moods are prone to change, of course. We know that the gloom of 1492 was not to last for long. It was dispelled by the achievement of a man of humble birth, a man of vision, of courage, a man named Christopher Columbus.

Now, I know that every speaker comes before you and says they identify with Columbus. But I really mean it. Think about it. The guy was faced with questions at home about whether his global efforts were worth a darn. Some critics wanted him to cut his voyage short. He even faced the threat of mutiny. [Laughter] And yet Columbus persevered and won; not a bad analogy in my view. So I know this isn't political. [Laughter] Now, I admit, Columbus also had to worry at the time about a lack of wind. I don't have that problem with Congress. [Laughter]

This year, as in Columbus' time, we hear a lot of talk about change. Sure, change is natural. But maybe a better word for the United States of America is renewal because the changes we need must be based on principles that never change.

I think my parents were like yours: They brought me up to understand that our fundamental moral standards were established by Almighty God. They taught me that if you have something for yourself, you should give half to a friend. They taught me to take the blame when things go wrong and share the credit when things go right. These ideas were supported by society.

Only recently—His Eminence and I were talking about, not in this detail, but talking about this subject just a few minutes ago—

only recently in America have we seen the rise of legal theories and practices that reject our Judeo-Christian tradition. Cardinal O'Connor eloquently describes this as an "invasion of values." It's a deeply disturbing trend, and it is diametrically opposed to my idea of the kind of change that's good for our great country.

Last month, just 12 blocks from here, there was another convention. Now, I was very lucky, I did not—and this is the honest truth—I didn't hear any of the speeches. I was out fishing in Wyoming with Jim Baker. But I understand one of the speakers, known for his florid language, called me "the captain of the ship of state." I'm not sure he meant it as a compliment, but believe me, as a Navy man at a Knights of Columbus convention, the term suits me just fine. [Laughter]

I look at this office that you've entrusted with me as a lot of things, as more than managing the economy, more even than being Commander in Chief. I stake my claim to a simple belief: The President should set the moral tone for this Nation.

All around us, we see evidence that America's moral compass has gone awry. We seem to be moving away from the enduring idea of taking responsibility for our actions. Our city newspapers are filled with stories of drive-by shootings, the taking of human life made more horrible by the awful anonymity through which it is accomplished. Recently I read a story of a kid from a good neighborhood charged in a gun store robbery. He told the police who caught him, "It's not like I'm a criminal. I'm on the dean's list."

What is happening to America? As a Nation, we face enormous challenges in education, crime, drugs. Yet each of them come back to the challenge of pointing our moral compass in the right direction. So I believe that a central issue of this election year should be, who do you trust to renew America's moral purpose? Who do you trust to fight for the ideas that will help rebuild our families and restore our fundamental values?

I believe, and I've tried hard on this, I believe I've earned your trust. I am committed to fighting for ideas that help repair this great Nation's moral fiber.

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Today, as we speak, we are granting waivers to States so they can change welfare rules, encourage families not to fall apart, not to live apart, but to stick together. States are saying to recipients, either you get training, or you don't get a check. Some States are even going so far as to make a very tough call of saying to parents, if you can't afford another child, don't expect the taxpayer to pick up the added costs. Now, these are tough choices. These are very tough choices, but they're all intended by the States to promote responsibility.

The other side says they agree with the ideas. But if you look close, some argue that ultimately the only solution to welfare is a guaranteed Government job for every recipient. I ask, is this any way to promote responsibility? If we guarantee everyone a Government job, how can we reward initiative? Our reforms may sound tough, but not as tough as a lifetime of despondency and despair, a lifetime that strips every recipient of his or her dignity. Let's give people hope. Let's give them opportunity.

Let's take a look at education. We know that to renew America, we literally must renew our schools. I happen to believe that competition can be the greatest force for change in our schools in an entire century.

The other side says they agree, almost. The "almost" is what troubles me. Remember how old Henry Ford used to tell his customers they could have any color Model T that they wanted, so long as it was black. [Laughter] Well, the other side says their ideal is that parents could choose any school for their kids, so long as it's run by the government.

If you'll excuse one blatantly political comment in which you'll have to concede has so far been a nonpartisan, almost, speech—[laughter]—my opponent won the teachers union endorsement by saying he's "unalterably opposed," those are his words, "unalterably opposed" to letting Catholic parents and

other private school parents have a fair share of education benefits.

I believe that it's time to have the courage to fight for a different approach. Right now, if you want an alternative to public schools, you have to pay twice, first for tuition and again through taxes. A couple weeks ago I was in Philadelphia, hosted by Cardinal Bevilacqua. And a group of parents told me, "We want our kids to go to Catholic school, but we just can't afford it." So my solution is something called the "GI bill" for kids. Like the original GI bill, my new approach offers scholarships or vouchers for students to take to any qualified school, not only public schools but Bible schools, yeshivas, Catholic parish schools. When it comes to schools, I say let the parents choose public, private, or religious.

What about promoting religion as a force for good in our society? I'm reminded of the story of a small boy who once began a prayer this way: "God bless Mother and Daddy, my brother, my sister. And God," he said, "do take care of yourself. If anything happens to You, we're all sunk." [Laughter] Maybe there's some doubts, but America is still the most religious Nation on Earth. I want to strengthen our faith further.

Again, there are wide differences. Some think it's okay to hand out condoms in schools, but oppose amending our Constitution to allow our kids to put their hands together to say a prayer. I disagree. I call again on the Congress to pass a constitutional amendment restoring voluntary prayer to our classrooms. The Senate opens its meeting with a prayer. The House of Representatives opens its meeting with a prayer. Nobody doubts that they both need it. [Laughter] But let's allow the faith of our fathers back into those schools.

And there's a national tragedy: More than a half a million abortions in this country every year. We know there's got to be a better way, human alternatives like adoptions and abstinence. Seven times I have ignored the polls and acted on what I believe is fundamental principle and vetoed, as Virgil very generously pointed out, abortion legislation. And I promise you again today, no matter the political price, and they tell me in this year that it's enormous, I am going to do what I think

is right. I am going to stand on my conscience and let my conscience be my guide when it comes to matters of life. [Applause] Thank you very much.

Here's something else that bothers me. In some places, a 13-year-old girl cannot get her ears pierced without parental permission, without bringing her mother and father along. But some believe that the same girl should be able to get an abortion without parental consent. I think most Americans believe this idea is crazy, and I'm going to fight to see that that doesn't happen.

So these issues, they all come up in an election year. They'll be part of campaigns in the fall all across the country. Today I make the same appeal to you that I'll make to every voter. Look beneath the rhetoric. Take a look at the ideas to determine who has the courage to stand up for changes that are morally right for America. I'm going to take my case to the American people. And if you're looking to restore America's moral fiber, why buy synthetic when you can get real cotton? [Laughter]

But I do believe America needs a leader willing to do what's right, not merely what is politically popular at the moment. Nowhere is it more clear in the decisions a President must make every day to build real peace, to establish freedom and democracy, not the mere, simple absence of war.

Saint Ignatius said, "Work as though all depended upon yourself, and pray as though all depended on God." The practice of that motto conquered communism. Ceaseless prayer and tireless work halted the cold war and spared us from the catastrophe of a third world war. Believers behind the Iron Curtain defied persecution; believers in the West defied indifference.

Over four decades, our servicemen trained, our taxpayers paid \$4 trillion to keep our defenses strong. As a consequence, the Iron Curtain is no more, and our kids no longer go to bed at night worrying about that dreadful specter of nuclear war. But while the Soviet bear is no more, there are still plenty of wolves in the woods. When we faced our first big challenge after the cold war, we didn't shrink. We stood up to Saddam's aggression and expelled him from Kuwait. We protected the people of Israel

and Saudi Arabia. Now we've brought age-old adversaries to the peace table for the first time. His Holiness Pope John Paul has spent many days and nights at work and in prayer for peace in the Middle East. As long as I am President, I assure you I will do everything I can to bring about that peace that so many pray for.

And so, in conclusion, let me say this: This is the year of change, change, change. The election will all be about change because change really is the natural condition of our land. This isn't something new. I believe that now we've changed the world, we are poised and ready to change America, to make America even better. But we must keep something important in mind. Now that our moral values are victorious around the globe, we cannot and we will not abandon them at home.

We didn't stand together to see courageous moral values rise in Russia only to be ignored here at home. We did not sacrifice so that personal responsibility could triumph in totalitarian regimes, only to become passé here in this great Nation.

It's time to get back to some basic American values. So I am going to defend the principles for which you stand so firm. We will keep our sights on what's good in America. We will keep our focus on the potential in our families and, most of all, in our young people, in our kids. We'll keep a reliable compass. We'll put our ship of state in finest sailing trim, and as this Nation has so many times before, we will sail on to shining new horizons.

Thank you. May God bless you and our beloved country, the United States of America. Thank you very much.

Note: The President spoke at 11:04 a.m. at the Marriott Marquis Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to Virgil C. Dechant, Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbus; John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York; William Cardinal Baum, Patrimony of the Holy See; Edouard Cardinal Gagnon, president, Pontifical Committee for International Eucharistic Congresses; Thomas Daily, Bishop of Brooklyn; Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, Papal Nuncio; Mother Teresa of Calcutta, founder and superior of the Missionaries of Charity; Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua,

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**Remarks to the Disabled American
Veterans National Convention in
Reno, Nevada**
August 5, 1992

Let me tell you that it is a great pleasure to renew old ties, greet new friends. And of course, I want to thank Cleveland Jordan for the introduction. He said he persuaded me to come. This man's tough; you get the arm up behind the back, twist the elbow here, and here I am. And I am very, very pleased. Sorry that I missed the other one, but delighted to be at your side and congratulate you on your service to this wonderful national organization.

Butch Joeckel greeted me earlier, the national adjutant; Jesse Brown, the national executive director of the DAV. And of course, I want to single out and salute a man who's helped me enormously, Ed Derwinski, our Secretary of Veterans Affairs. And may I also mention Robin Higgins. Cleve most appropriately mentioned Colonel Higgins, and I want to salute her here. And thanks to all of you who represent America's disabled veterans, their families, their survivors; they're fully 1.4 million strong.

I was just asking Joe about the vintage of some of you all. And I must say, looking out at the audience, and I don't want to put everybody in this category, a lot come out of the same war that I was in. And I don't want to say that you're old guys or women, but nevertheless—[laughter]—you kind of make me feel at home here. So I'll leave it there.

But I also want to bring you best wishes from a great friend and fan of yours named Barbara. She and I were talking about coolness under fire. I told her, the more I'm criticized, the more I turn it into humor. You know her; she said, "The rate you're going, you'll soon be funnier than Johnny Carson." [Laughter]

Last September, I was very honored to be with many here, but honored to attend your salute to the Persian Gulf veterans. Today, I'm proud to salute the American veteran.

The American vet deserves safe streets, a sound economy, strong families, a world at peace. You believe, and I agree, America should serve those who served their country.

That's why my administration has not wavered in our commitment to you and your families. We must change our health care system in this Nation, and we will. But let me be clear: We will not change our commitment to the integrity of veterans health care. No program is going to change that.

If, in all this talk about change, Congress sends me legislation to dismantle the VA system, I will whip out my veto pen and knock down that incoming Scud missile, that Scud missile aimed right at your very well-being. If you ask how many VA hospitals I'll close, I'll say not three, not two, not one. If anyone again suggests taxing your benefits, I'll say what I have said before: Don't take it from our veterans.

Now, I know you're concerned about having your voice heard as the Washington bureaucracy debates your health care future. So just yesterday I created a special panel there in the White House to guarantee your leadership's involvement. We will listen, and we will act to stand by those who stood up for America.

I am very proud of the progress that we've made together. Your leadership has sensitized all of us, brought the problems to us, worked cooperatively when there were difficulties. I can't tell you how much cooperation we've had. But they've never held back, saying we must do this, we must do that. They've been strong leaders.

We have created specialized centers. We funded new outpatient clinics and moved more resources into VA medical care, too. I also am proud of how we have built on these beginnings. Two years ago we passed the Americans with Disabilities Act. That is the most sweeping civil rights legislation since the sixties. And it will help the disabled enter the mainstream, and it's just about time that this country did that.

Three years ago, as Cleve mentioned, I was on my way to address this convention, your convention. You know what changed my plans. It concerned a husband, a father, an American hero. And again, with us today is the wife of Colonel Rich Higgins, Major

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: STEVE PROVOST
FROM: JOSEPH P. DUGGAN
SUBJECT: PROPOSED REMARKS TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

I. SUMMARY

On Wednesday, August 5 at 11:00 a.m., you will deliver remarks to an audience of 2,200 members of the Knights of Columbus at their 110th Annual Supreme Council Convention at the Marriott Marquis in New York City.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks (approximately 15 minutes / teleprompter), follow the theme that change must be based on principles that never change, such as family and personal responsibility. This theme is tied to the issues of welfare, education, school prayer and abortion. The sound bite of the day is: when it comes to restoring America's moral fiber, why choose synthetics when you can get real cotton?

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 NEW YORK MARRIOTT MARQUIS
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On this -- as in so many other issues -- the other side is talking a good game, saying the right words -- and yet when you

get down to specifics, I wonder if their commitment is to do what's right to win an election, or to do what's right to win back America?

Look at welfare.

We all know that our welfare system has destroyed the concept of responsibility -- tearing families apart, with no incentives for people to work and save and improve.

I want something different -- I have fought for a new welfare system that says yes to people's lives.

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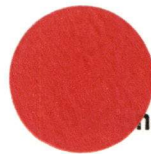
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DATE: August 3, 1992 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 9:00 am TUES., AUGUST 4, 1992

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REMARKS: Please provide comments on the attached directly to Dan McGroarty, Room 122, x2930, with a copy to this office NOT LATER THAN 9:00 A.M., TUESDAY, AUGUST 4th.

Called at 9am. called at 10am (MK)

RESPONSE: TO: DANIEL B. MCGROARTY August 3, 1992
The NSC staff concurs in the proposed presidential remarks.

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
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cc: Phillip D. Brady

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- Appropriate Action
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03-Aug-1992 03:33pm

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FROM: Drucillia S. Scaling
 Office of Communications

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DATE: August 3, 1992

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 9:00 am TUES.,
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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, NEW YORK MARRIOTT
MARQUIS, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1992

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RESPONSE:

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Bob Brady may be providing additional comments
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ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND STAFF SECRETARY

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ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks to the Knights of Columbus
New York, New York

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cc: Dan McGroarty
Leigh Ann Metzger

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My education plan preserves religious freedom. That's also true of another issue where there's a Grand Canyon of a divide.

((A small boy once began a prayer this way: "God bless mother and daddy, my brother and sister. And, God," he said, "do take care of yourself. If anything happens to you, we're all sunk."))

~~that boy knew why~~, according to ^{the recent} Gallup Poll, America ^{remains} is the ^{the most} most religious nation on earth. Now, ^{the other} one side thinks it's ^{fine} fine ^{okay} okay to ^{hand out} give out condoms in school but ~~not to say a prayer.~~ ^{I totally} I totally ^{disagree} disagree.

I call again on Congress to pass a constitutional amendment restoring voluntary prayer to our classrooms. Let's allow the faith of our Fathers back into our schools. \\
back together in

And there's a national tragedy: more than a million and a half abortions in this country every year. We know there must be a better way. \\
I have school for K-6, and I

responsible alternatives -- like adoption; like abstinence. ~~The other side refuses to let the Governor of Pennsylvania present a pre-life view at his own party's convention. The other side is pushing a so-called "Freedom of Choice" bill, which is in fact the most radical abortion-on-demand legislation ever offered.~~
I hear you've voted at the convention, come to the I remember I will veto that

This bill would prevent states from enacting even modest restraints against abortion on demand. It would threaten the autonomy of Catholic hospitals and other private institutions that refuse as a matter of conscience to perform abortions.

Suffice it to say: This radical abortion on demand bill will

abortion-on-demand legislation

don't you think you
I agree. The other side talks of a "New Covenant," but ^{if you were they} ~~it's~~ ^{they} might have found room in that 10,000 word platform for a ^{few} ~~few~~ ^{few} letters -- 606-0-0."

As you look at these ^{call these} issues, a pattern emerges. Both sides talk about ~~the~~ virtues of a certain like personality responsibility, but only one side has the courage to take a stand

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~~never become law as long as I am President. ||~~

~~On each of these issues, the choice is clear. Who do you trust to change America -- to renew timeless values like personal responsibility? Who do you trust: those with the courage to stand for what may not be popular -- but is right? Or the side that talks a good game -- mouths the right rhetoric about values -- but whose ^{has the practice of their own words} record and ~~example~~ make a mockery of their words?~~

Nowhere is the choice more vital than in the decisions a President must make every day to build real peace: to establish freedom and democracy, not the mere absence of war.

Saint Ignatius said, "Work as though all depended upon yourself, and pray as though all depended on God." The practice of that motto conquered Communism. Ceaseless prayer and tireless work halted the Cold War \ and spared us from the catastrophe of a third World War. Believers behind the Iron Curtain defied persecution; believers in the West defied indifference. Over four decades, our servicemen trained -- our taxpayers paid four trillion dollars -- to keep our defenses strong. And as a consequence, the Iron Curtain is no more -- and our kids no longer face the kind of nuclear threat that used to haunt us.

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Today I say to the American people, when it comes to ^{regularly} ~~responsibility~~ ^{releg} ~~responsibility~~ like personal responsibility, why choose the ~~right~~ ^{right} a synthetic market of ushers, who you can have 100% conservative coffee?

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"CLINTON'S HEALTH PLAN: A BITTER TAX TO SWALLOW"

Today: President Bush meets with Republican Senators on Capitol Hill, where he will push for passage of his health care reform package and to discuss Bill Clinton's costly "pay-or-play" proposal - a proposal for government-run health care. To pay for "pay or play", a hidden seven percent payroll tax will be required. This tax will throw 700,000 Americans out of work and slash the average working American's taxes wages by at least \$1,700 a year.

If Bill Clinton wants to raise taxes to pay for nationalized medicine, he should admit it. Americans are entitled to quality care at an affordable price - without having to suffer a tax increase to pay for it. Having raised taxes and fees 128 times in Arkansas, Bill Clinton now wants to apply his taxing philosophy to the nation's health.

Not even the New York Times likes the Clinton plan. "[Bill Clinton] has offered little more than vague pieties...Mr. Clinton has evaded tough choices. He's for universal coverage, but doesn't say how to pay for it or how to contain health care costs." (The New York Times, Week in Review, August 2, 1992)

If Americans wanted long lines and revolving-door health care, we'd put doctors to work down at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The Canadian system, typical of a government-run national health care system, creates waiting lists and long lines for needed care -- it takes an average six months to get a coronary bypass, 3.5 months to get a tonsillectomy and 6 to 10 months to get a hip replacement in some parts of Canada.

Americans don't want to have the government placed between themselves and their doctors. We need common sense, comprehensive health care reform and we need to start on it right now. Unlike the Democrats' proposals, President Bush's comprehensive health care plan has no government mandates, no tax increases, no government takeover of the health insurance industry, no health care rationing system, no waiting lists for critical health care, and no government price-setting in the private sector.

Some say nationalized health care would serve everyone. Sure, it would -- like a restaurant that serves bad food -- but in very generous proportions.

THE BUSH PLAN

President Bush's health care plan expands health care coverage, controls costs, and improves quality -- without raising taxes.

Bush's plan will:

- Provide secure coverage to all Americans, including workers between jobs and those Americans who can least afford it.
- Cut rising health care costs by reducing red tape; limiting out-of-control malpractice suits; and allowing small businesses to pool resources and bargain for less expensive insurance.
- Allow individuals -- not federal bureaucrats - to choose their own doctors.

THE CLINTON PLAN

Bill Clinton's health care "tax everyone" plan will:

- Raise taxes by \$80 billion, increase spending by almost \$200 billion over four years.
- Increase each American worker's taxes an average of \$1,700 a year. For many workers, it will be even more expensive.
- Throw 700,000 Americans out of work, and put 9 million more jobs at risk.
- Limit Americans' ability to choose their own doctors and involve faceless bureaucrats in this very personal decision.