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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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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

August 14, 1992 2 AUG 14 P4:30

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STEVE PROVOST *SP*

SUBJECT: CONVENTION WELCOME RALLY

On Monday, August 17th, at 5:30 p.m. you will deliver remarks (10 minutes/teleprompted) to approximately 7,000 attendees at the Houston Astro Arena.

Your remarks give a nod to the accomplishments of Dan Quayle, reflect on your Texas roots, and generally give the partisan crowd an excuse to yell and hoot a little.

The soundbite is: "We are running against the 'Karaoke Kids' -- they'll sing any tune it takes to get elected." Karaoke (care-ee-Oh-key) is the craze currently sweeping middle-america, where people sing popular songs off teleprompters.

2 AUG 14 P7:36

Provost/Grossman

Presidential Remarks
Astro Arena Rally
Houston, Texas

Thank you and good afternoon everybody.

Let me just say -- it sure feels great to be home again!

My critics like to say I was born to privilege. But you know, that's not quite accurate ... I never said I was born a Texan.//

I have a little secret for all of you. I figured out a surefire way to knock it into the cheap seats of the Astrodome Thursday night -- a speech hailed in every corner of this land for its elegance and its emotion. I've asked Barbara to deliver it for me.//

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But in the face of his critics, Dan Quayle has never wavered. He has simply told the truth -- let the chips fall where they may.

The Vice President says we need families to stick together, and fathers who stick around.// We need an America that stands

behind our cops, and stands up to lawyers who are all over us like a bad lawsuit.// When Dan says these things -- the establishment in Washington holds their noses -- but folks in Waco nod their heads.// Let me just say -- with Dan Quayle on the job -- Americans are going to be nodding in agreement for four more years.//

I couldn't help but notice an interview my opponent gave to USA Today last week. He talked about how he is already planning his transition -- figuring out who should be Deputy Under Secretary in every Washington bureaucracy, even where he can get away from the White House for a day or two. After reading the article, I half expected to come to work Friday morning and find someone in the Oval Office measuring the drapes.

Well, today I have a message for my opponent. Put the drapes on hold. //

Forget the drapes. Because pretty soon, it's curtain time.//

For nine months, the other side has had a one-way conversation with the American people. Now -- it's our turn.

They have called America a "mockery" -- and sounded the saxophone of change. But if you listen real close -- their song sure sounds familiar.

They say they want to shake up Washington -- but oppose limiting terms of Congressmen. I guess that's change -- changing the subject.

They say they believe in a strong America -- but propose cutting our national defense. I guess that's change -- changing their tune.

They say they want to "put people first" -- but propose the largest tax increase in history. //

I guess that's change -- because by the time they're through -- change is all you will have left in your pocket.//

Don't kid yourself, we're not running against the "Comeback Kids." We're running against the "Karaoke (care - ee - OH -key) Kids" -- they'll sing any tune they think will get them elected.//

You know me, I'm not much for words. To me -- real eloquence is action. For the next 78 days, we are going to ask the American people a simple question -- who do you trust to do what is right for America?//

You know, Barbara and I started out here many, many years ago. I remember traveling to towns like Wink and Muleshoe and Notrees. Places where parents worried and watched when a kid crossed the street -- the kind of towns that sent kids halfway around the world -- from the DMZ, to Da Nang, and to Desert Storm.//

Barbara and I loved the rhythms of West Texas. Friday night football -- Saturday picnics -- and Sunday sermons. We raised a family -- built a business -- made friends who have lasted a lifetime. We worked hard -- 'cause Texans always work hard. But when the work was done, we sat around the table late at night --

and we talked. Talked about report cards and schoolyard fights -
- about small things, and big dreams.

No matter what the other side says, America is still a land of dreams -- dreams as vast and wide as the plains of West Texas. Our ideals -- our ideas -- have awakened dreams from Managua to Moscow. And with faith in our people, we will reawaken dreams right here in America.

My opponent wants to protect the jobs of the past. I have a plan, to help create a laptop, disk-driven, high tech economy, so that the sons and daughters of steelworkers and linemen can find great jobs and build new dreams.// My opponent wants to change our schools -- just a little bit, so that our kids can do a little bit better. I have a plan, to revolutionize our schools, so that our kids do as well in the science lab and math room as they now do in the swimming pool and the basketball court.// My opponent refuses to make the tough calls on real welfare reform, and school prayer. I have a plan, to add a little moral fiber to our nation's diet, to make American families a little bit less like the Simpsons and a little bit more like the Waltons.//

The special interests don't like our ideas. The teacher's unions, the ABA, the Ralph Nader's -- these "patrons of the past" -- they flee from real change like a rat from a rattlesnake.

And when it comes to the leaders of Congress -- well, they are the "Sultans of the Status Quo." The only people in America who could drive to work with a blindfold every morning, because they've been going the same way for 36 years. // If I can steal

a little Texanese -- Congress needs change the way a bird dog needs a bath.// I'm going to convince the American people -- to start the hot water running.//

The polls say it's going to be a tough fight, we all know that. I could tell you that I ignore the polls, but that would not be completely accurate. The truth is -- polls give me some comfort.

Back when I was running for Senate, we had a baseball team here, some of you might remember. They were called the "Colt 45's". Ever since the Colt 45's were here in Houston, I admit, I've been a sucker for the underdog.

In politics, I've always done best when I'm behind. Because you get a certain freedom. The other guy can do what the polls (pahls) want, the other side can pay attention to what the polls demand -- I'm just going to roll up my sleeves -- and do what's right for America. //

Down the road not far from here, there's a big building they call the eighth wonder of the world. Well, Houston, get ready for wonder number nine -- the most stirring political comeback since Harry Truman gave 'em hell in '48.//

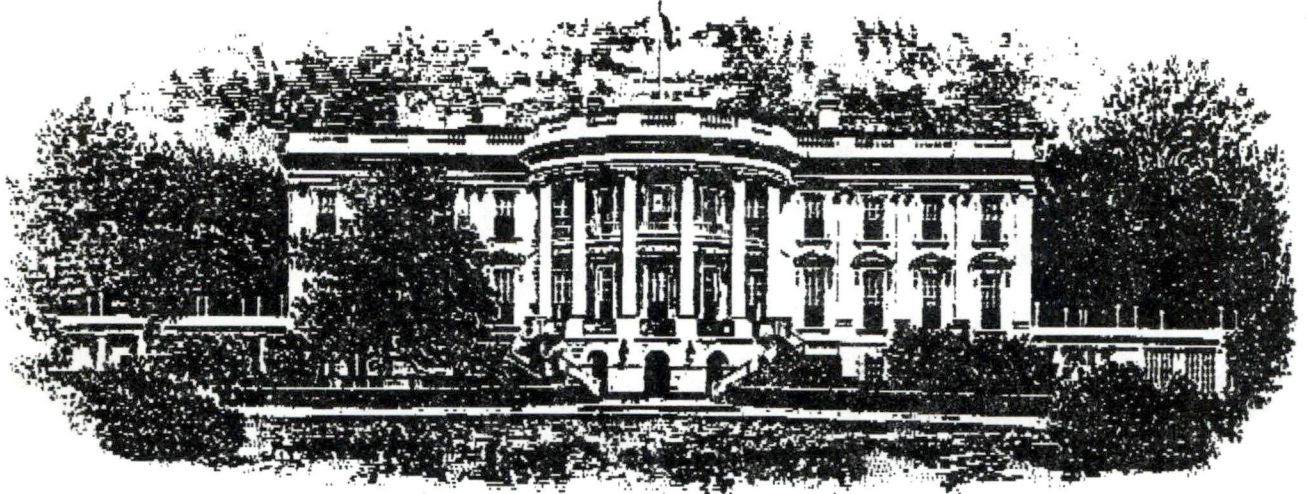
It all starts right here, right now. The Gatlin Brothers like to sing that, "Houston means I'm one day closer to you."

No offense to Larry and the gang, but to me Houston means we are one day closer to victory. One day closer to building a better and brighter future for America.

Barbara and I want to thank you all for coming out here.
God bless Houston, and God bless the United States of America.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 13, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Arrival Rally

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

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RESPONSE:

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

Provost/Grossman

2 AUG 13 P7:17

Presidential Remarks
Airport Rally
Houston, Texas

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I'm sure there have been times in the past few years, when Dan has been tempted to come into the Oval Office and say -- "I think I have more than enough character, thank you."

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FROM BOTTOM
OF P. 1 IN
THE HOUSTON
BARA SPEECH.



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But if you listen real close -- their song sure sounds familiar. They say they want to shake up Washington -- but oppose limiting terms of Congressmen. I guess that's change -- changing the subject.

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WHAT IS THIS REFERENCING TO?

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NOTE FOR DAN MCGROARTY

Suggested changes for the
Houston arrival rally.

Dean McGrath, Jr.

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That's a President

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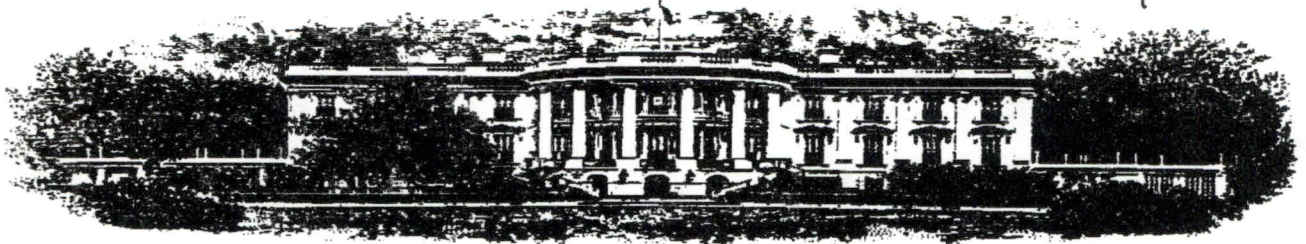
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At your request, Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced matter. We have no legal objection.

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SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Arrival Rally

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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Now, some take a look at all we must do as a Nation and say, "Look, our challenges are too big, too daunting." I would remind them that America is still the only place where miracles not only happen, they happen every day.

This is the Nation that toppled the wall. This is the Nation that won the war. This is the Nation that produced you. None have been braver or sturdier. Through your courage, your valor, your sacrifice, you changed the course of human history. We have changed the world, and now we will change America because America is the land of the eternal spring.

Thank you very much. May God bless the VFW, and most of all, may God bless the greatest, freest country on the face of the Earth, the United States of America. Thank you very, very much.

Note: The President spoke at 11:02 a.m. at the Indiana Convention Center. In his remarks, he referred to Robert E. Wallace, commander in chief, VFW, and his wife, Diane; John M. Carney, senior vice commander in chief, VFW, and his wife, Joanne; Mary Sears, national president of the ladies auxiliary of the VFW, and her husband, Sam; Chris Noel, entertainer and recipient of the commander in chief's Gold Medal of Merit; Adrian Cronauer, disc jockey with the Armed Forces Network during the Vietnam war; Larry W. Rivers, executive director, Washington, DC office, VFW; and Gen. John W. Vessey, U.S.A., ret., Special Presidential Em- issary to Hanoi for POW-MIA Affairs.

Remarks at the Bush-Quayle Welcoming Rally at the Republican National Convention in Houston, Texas

August 17, 1992

The President. Thank you all very much. What a wonderful welcome home.

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

The President. You got it.

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

The President. Thank you all very much. Thank you so much. Let me just thank a couple of people at the beginning. First, let me thank Craig Fuller, who's done a great job as our convention chairman; Rich Bond, our national chairman; Jeanie Austin, our co-chairman. And let me say this: What a wonderful welcome home. It is sure great to be back here in Texas, home again.

May I thank Ray Childress and Warren Moon, great heroes right here, and deservedly so, in Houston, for being with us; and of course, another friend who entertained us, and at least I got here in time to hear him, a great American and a great singer, Randy Travis. By golly, he was first-class.

I'm leaving out a lot of people, but one other person, my partner in a great adventure, with me every step of the way, from west Texas to the White House, Barbara Bush.

Let me thank our great Governor, Carroll Campbell, who's given this Nation so much leadership as Governor of the State of South Carolina, and a special word, a special word about two very special friends of ours, Dan and Marilyn Quayle, the Vice President of the United States.

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So when the establishment in Washington hears all this, they get all uptight about it, about him. They gripe about it. But folks in the real world understand, and they nod their head. He has been a super Vice President, and he will be for another 4 years.

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

The President. I couldn't help but notice an interview that my opponent gave to the USA Today last week. It was absolutely incredible—

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The President. You haven't heard it yet. [Laughter] He talked about how he's already planning his transition, figuring out who should be Deputy Assistant Under Secretary in every Washington Agency, even where he can get away from the White House for a day or two. I half expected when I went over to the Oval Office to find him over there measuring the drapes. [Laughter] Well, let me say, the first shot out of the barrel, I have a message for him: Put those drapes on hold. It is going to be curtain time for that ticket. And I mean it.

You know, for 9 months the other side has had a one-way conversation with the American people, and now it's our turn. They have called our great country a mockery and sounded the saxophone of change. And that sound sure sounds familiar. They say they want to shake up Washington, but they oppose limiting the terms of Congressmen. That's a change, just changing the subject.

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So don't kid yourself, America. We're not running against the Comeback Kids, we're running against the Karaoke Kids. They'll sing any tune, any tune they think will get them elected, say one thing in one place and then whisper something else in another. And we're not going to let them get away with it.

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Audience members. George Bush! George Bush! George Bush!

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Now that I'm getting warmed up, let me tell you about another target that I'm going to get in the crosshairs. The Democratic leaders of the United States Congress don't like our ideas. They are the sultans of the status quo. They are the only people in America who could drive to work with a blindfold every morning because they've been going the same way, controlling that Congress for 38 years.

Audience members. Clean your House! Clean your House! Clean your House!

The President. You tell me about it. You're darn right. You talk about gridlock, we know where the gridlock is. It's under those leaders that control the Congress, both the Senate and the House, and we're going to change it. We are going to get the American people to change it.

I was very lucky; I didn't get to see the Democratic Convention. [Laughter] But up in Manhattan last month, you didn't see those congressional leaders. Finding them was like playing "Where's Waldo" in the Astrodome. They gave a new meaning to the word "closet liberal."

Don't kid yourselves. Look at where their support is coming from, that same ossified, entrenched, change-allergic support groups out there supporting the Democratic leaders of the Congress. We're going to make the American people understand it. I'm going to do what Harry Truman did. I am going to take that message to change the Congress all across this country.

I've held out my hand to those crazy guys. I've held out my hand to them, only to have it bitten off, and I'm tired of it. We're going

to change that Congress. And we are going to link that Clinton-Gore ticket right in close to those Democratic leaders. They are one and the same, and we're not going to let the American people forget that.

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May God bless the United States of America. Thank you all very much.

Note: The President spoke at 5:35 p.m. at the Houston Astrodome. In his remarks, he referred to Houston Oilers football players Ray Childress and Warren Moon and country and western entertainers Randy Travis and the Gatlin Brothers.