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**Statement by Press Secretary
Fitzwater on Possible Changes in the
Cabinet**

August 19, 1992

President Bush yesterday commented in a PBS interview that there would undoubtedly be changes in the Cabinet in the second term. He said this would be a normal situation historically, and he did not refer to any specific individual. The President believes his Cabinet is doing an excellent job.

The President called Jack Kemp, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, this morning to congratulate him on his speech to the convention and to express his concern about Jack being singled out by the Houston Post this morning as departing from the Cabinet. The President assured Jack that he was referring only to the routine departure of Cabinet members that historically occurs in a second term.

**Nomination of James Michael Reum
To Be a Member of the Securities
and Exchange Commission**

August 19, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate James Michael Reum, of Illinois, to be a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the term expiring June 5, 1997. He would succeed Edward H. Fleischman.

Since 1979, Mr. Reum has served as a partner in the law firm of Hopkins & Sutter in Chicago, IL. He has also served as associate Republican counsel for the Committee on the Judiciary in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1974. From 1973 to 1974 and 1974 to 1978, he served as a corporate lawyer with the firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell.

Mr. Reum graduated from Harvard College (B.A., 1968) and Harvard Law School (J.D., 1972). He also served in the U.S. Army Reserves/National Guard, 1969-75. He was

**Remarks at a Prayer Breakfast in
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August 20, 1992

Thank you very much, Mary Lou. For heaven sakes, that was just wonderful, and thank you for that wonderful introduction.

Let me repeat what I said last week to the 1992—

[At this point, audience members interrupted the President's remarks.]

I apologize to those who have put together this ecumenical, lovely prayer breakfast, but you just can't control things like this. I hope you understand. I certainly do.

I was saying that I salute Mary Lou and thank her. Let me repeat what I said last week to the 1992 summer Olympic team when they came to the White House. Whether they won a gold, silver, or bronze medal, or simply gave their best, they are all heroes in the eyes of each American.

I also want to salute my friend and running mate, Vice President Dan Quayle. Ninfa said it all; my friend Ninfa said it all: first-class.

May I salute the Mayor. And fellow Texans and Americans, I'm delighted to address this ecumenical prayer breakfast on this great occasion. You see, breakfast speeches are always my favorite. I figure it's the one meal where broccoli is never served. *[Laughter]*

Let me first salute that marvelous choir behind us. Think of it: a 40-piece orchestra; 85 singers from the Houston Children's Choir, too; our adult choir, members of 40 area congregations, 1,200 voices; and then, of course, there was Alan Green, football player, "A" student, Rice graduate, and magnificent musician. Believe me, as one who works in the divisive world of politics, it's amazing to hear that many voices raised in unison on anything.

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I'm delighted that Jim Baker's here, fellow Houstonian, and Susan. As he knows, and as our Vice President knows and the other members of our Cabinet who I see out here know, we open every Cabinet meeting with a prayer. And it's going to be that way as long as I am President.

Today we've got difficult times, but we Americans have much to thank God for. Yes, challenges face us: good schools and safe streets, sound economy—all the problems that Bob Lanier works with as Mayor of our great city—and a world at peace. But we will meet and master them as Americans always have, not by running America down but by using God's gifts to lift America up.

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This month I got a letter from a little girl, age 11, Joy Vaughn. Oh, I love getting the mail at the White House, but this one was special. She lives in Mesa, Arizona, and one of her brothers is a missionary. She wrote, "I just wanted to tell you that I am praying for you." And then she added, "God is in charge."

So Barbara and I have concluded, as every family that's been privileged to live in the White House I'm sure has concluded, that you cannot be President without believing in God. We say our prayers every night. When we sit in that historic family dining room on the second floor of the White House, we say the blessing before our meals. Today I ask for your prayers, not for the campaign that we're in but prayers asking God to give those of us in leadership positions and give me as President the strength to do what is right, the courage to lead this, the greatest Nation

on the face of the Earth, the United States of America, one Nation under God.

Thank you, and may God bless our great country.

Note: The President spoke at 9:30 a.m. at the University of Houston. In his remarks, he referred to Mary Lou Retton, 1984 Olympic gold medalist; Ninfa Laurenzo, Houston business leader; and evangelist Billy Graham.

Statement by Press Secretary Fitzwater on the Arbitrator's Decision in the Railway Labor Dispute

August 20, 1992

On August 18, 1992, the President received for his review the decision of the arbitrator in the one remaining railway labor dispute associated with the shutdown of the Nation's railroads in late June. This decision was rendered pursuant to the arbitration process established by the Congress and concerns the dispute between the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and the American Train Dispatchers Association. The decision becomes final and binding upon the parties unless the President disapproves it within 3 days following its receipt.

The President has decided that he will not disapprove this decision. The President is grateful to the arbitrator for his work in resolving this dispute.

Remarks Accepting the Presidential Nomination at the Republican National Convention in Houston

August 20, 1992

The President. Thank you all very much. Thank you, thank you very much. And I am proud to receive and I am honored to accept your nomination for President of the United States.

May I thank my dear friend and our great leader, Bob Dole, for that wonderful introduction.

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *JH for*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Prayer Breakfast

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cc: Phillip D. Brady

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAN MC GROARTY *DMG*
FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*
SUBJECT: HOUSTON PRAYER BREAKFAST

I. SUMMARY

On Thursday, August 20, at 8:00 a.m., you will deliver remarks to approximately 10,000 people gathered for the Houston Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast at Hofheinz Pavilion. You will be introduced by Mary Lou Retton.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks (12 minutes, prompter) focus on the powerful role religion plays in this country -- particularly, in your own life. Additionally, you assert a commitment to conscience when it comes to matters of life and support for voluntary prayer in the classroom.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PRAYER BREAKFAST
HOUSTON, TEXAS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1992
8:00 A.M.

*Mary Lou Retton
not a participant*
Mary Lou Retton, thank you for that introduction. Let me repeat what I said last week to the 1992 Summer Olympic team: Whether you won a gold, silver, or bronze medal, or simply gave your best, you're all heroes in the eyes of each American. //

I also want to salute my friend and running mate, Vice-President Dan Quayle. // Fellow Texans / Americans / fellow believers in "One Nation Under God." // I am delighted to address the Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast on this great occasion. ((Breakfast speeches are always my favorite. / I figure it's the one meal where broccoli is never served.))

Let me first salute that marvelous choir. / Think of it. A 50-piece orchestra. 100 singers from the Houston Children's Choir. Members of 40 area congregations. 1,000 voices. ((Believe me, as one who works in the divisive world of politics, it's amazing to hear that many voices raised in unison.)) //

As you know, we meet on a special day. ((Tonight I give my acceptance speech. If it catches fire, it might give a whole new meaning to the story of the Burning Bush.)) /

Today, as we meet deep in the heart of Texas, we meet deep in the heart of the most religious Nation on earth, too. / I'm

usually not much for polls -- but here's a Gallup poll that makes sense to me. According to this survey, seven in ten Americans believe in life after death -- eight in ten that God works miracles. Nine in ten pray -- and more than 90 percent believe in God. To which I say: Thank God for the United States of America. //

Today, we Americans have much to thank God for. Yes, challenges face us -- good schools / safe streets / a sound economy / a world at peace. But we will meet and master them as Americans always have. Not by running America down. But by using God's gifts to lift America up. //

Jefferson phrased the first gift best. "The God who gave us life," he said, "also gave us liberty." Today, God's gift of liberty is remaking an entire globe. / In Berlin, like Jericho, the walls come tumbling down. / In Barcelona -- ask Mary Lou -- the Summer Games were held without boycotts / without terrorism / without politics. And that's as it should be. //

((On that score, all of us have Olympic heroes. Mine is Pablo Morales. He's the swimmer who missed out in '84, didn't make the team in '88, then came back this year to earn a gold medal -- at the ripe old age of 27. Let that be a lesson: Youth and inexperience are no match for maturity and determination.))

Over the past three and a half years bayonets have been no match for the righteousness of God. Look to Bulgaria -- where at last people wish Merry Christmas to each other without fear of being labeled religious. / Look to Russia -- where a cathedral

once called the All Union Museum of Religion and Atheism now houses God's apostles. / Or the former East Germany -- where Bible Studies are like bluebonnets in spring: They're busting out all over. In a season of Thanksgiving, the world says grace: By God's providence, the Cold War is over -- and America won. //

I remember when, six years ago, one of God's great soldiers went to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Returning to America, Billy Graham predicted that freedom would outlast tyranny. / The doubters said he'd been tricked -- but Billy knew something they didn't. He knew the chains of oppression forged by men were no match for the keys to Salvation forged by God. //

I talked about this with Billy a year ago January, when I asked him to stay at the White House the night before our troops started Desert Storm. I thought a lot that night. About the thousands of people praying at churches. About my home church -- St. Martin's -- its prayer books, crosses, and hand-made Christmas cards made in Sunday school for our troops in the Gulf.

I thought about the troops themselves -- the finest sons and daughters any Nation could ever have. / And of how blessed Barbara and I were to have Billy and Ruth as friends for many years. I was counting recently: Between us, we have 10 kids and 32 grandkids. ((Now, that's the kind of expansion that makes even the Federal bureaucracy jealous.)) / I know how a second gift of God's -- family -- can lift America. I can no more imagine a life without family than I can a universe without love.

Last night you saw Barbara on television. I'll let her explain why family matters so. "At the end of your life," she said, "you will never ^{regret} forget not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict, not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a child, a friend, or a parent." // No wonder America loves Barbara Bush. //

Barbara knows that kids, quoting Art Linkletter, say not only the funniest but most insightful things -- especially about religion. / ((Once a Sunday school teacher started talking about the story of Jonah and the Whale. She asked what the story showed. A small boy raised his hand. "I know," he said. "People make whales sick.")) //

Each of us turns to God daily to make lives well. We act through the third and greatest of God's gifts -- yes, prayer. /

If Congress can raise its pay in a midnight session / if Congress can create National Tap Dance Day / if Congress can spend time debating Vanna White's appearance on the Home Shopping Network -- surely, Congress can allow our kids to thank Almighty God. / So if I can disturb your breakfast with one political observation, today I call on Congress to pass a Constitutional Amendment allowing voluntary prayer in our classrooms. Let's bring the Faith of our Fathers back to our schools. //

I have been President for three and a half years now. More than ever, I believe with all my heart that one cannot be President of the United States without a belief in God -- without the truth that comes on one's knees. /

For me, prayer has always been important but quite personal -- you know us Episcopalians. / Yet it has sustained me at every point of my life. / As a boy, when religious reading was part of our home life. / As a teenager, when I memorized the Navy Hymn. / Or how, fifty years ago, aboard the submarine Finback after being shot down in the War, I went on deck at night, stood watch on the bridge, and looked out at the dark. / The sky was clear. The stars were brilliant -- like a blizzard of fireflies in the night. There was calm, inner peace -- God's therapy. /

Given that, how could I forget the One through whom all things are possible? I can't. That's why the 1988 morning after Election Day -- my son, George W., said a prayer -- we held a worship service at St. Martin's. / God's peace sustained me then -- as it has in every hour as your President. //

I've tried to ask God, as the book of Micah says, "to [let me] act just" -- to be worthy of America in war and peace. Like a lot of people I've always worried about showing tears in public -- the emotion. That's all faded in the past three and a half years. I remember Barbara and I praying at Camp David before the Air War began -- we thought about those young men and women overseas. I felt the tears streaming down my cheeks. Our minister smiled back. And I no longer worried about how I looked to others. //

What matters in prayer is not how it looks to others -- but how it looks to God. How -- like the other gifts of family and liberty -- prayer can build peace among Nations. Creating a

world where we say to each child: "Someone loves you, and knows your name."

This month, I got a letter from a little girl, age eleven. Joy Vaughn -- lives in Mesa, Arizona. Her brother is a missionary. / She wrote: "I just have to tell you that I am proud of you." / Be stout of heart, she added. "God is in charge." //

Joy -- what truth from the mouths of babes: As we begin this great crusade, God is in charge. / We know that while God can live without man -- man cannot live without God. // So pray not for me alone -- but for the Family called America. Thank you, God bless you, and God bless the most wondrous land on earth -- the United States of America.

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