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A small boy raised his hand. "I know," he said. "People make whales sick." [Laughter]

Well, each of us turns to God daily to make lives well, and we act through the third and greatest of God's gifts, prayer. If Congress can spend time debating Vanna White's appearance on the Home Shopping Network, surely Congress can find time to pass an amendment allowing voluntary prayer in our classrooms. So let's do what we can to bring the faith of our fathers back to our schools.

You know, I've been President for 3½ years now. More than ever, I believe with all my heart that one cannot be President of our great country 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. [Laughter] And 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 48 years ago, aboard the submarine *Finback* after being shot down in the war, I went up topside one night on the deck, on the conning tower, and stood watch and looked out at the dark. The sky was clear. The stars were brilliant like a blizzard of fireflies in the night. There was a calm inner peace. Halfway around the world in the war zone, there was a calm inner peace: God's therapy.

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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Let me say this: This nomination's not for me alone. It is for the ideas, principles, and values that we stand for.

My job has been made easier by a leader who's taken a lot of unfair criticism with grace and humor, the Vice President of the United States, Dan Quayle. And I am very grateful to him.

I want to talk tonight about the sharp choice that I intend to offer Americans this fall, a choice between different agendas, different directions, and yes, a choice about the character of the man you want to lead this Nation. I know that Americans have many questions about our economy, about our country's future, even questions about me. I'll answer them tonight.

First, I feel great. And I am heartened by the polls, the ones that say that I look better in my jogging shorts than the Governor of Arkansas.

Four years ago, I spoke about missions for my life and for our country. I spoke of one urgent mission, defending our security and promoting the American ideal abroad.

Just pause for a moment to reflect on what we've done. Germany is united, and a slab of the Berlin Wall sits right outside this Astrodome. Arabs and Israelis now sit face to face and talk peace, and every hostage held in Lebanon is free. The conflict in El Salvador is over, and free elections brought democracy to Nicaragua. Black and white South Africans cheered each other at the Olympics. The Soviet Union can only be found in history books. The captive nations of Eastern Europe and the Baltics are captive no more. And today on the rural streets of Poland, merchants sell cans of air labeled "the last breath of communism."

If I had stood before you 4 years ago and described this as the world we would help to build, you would have said, "George Bush, you must have been smoking something, and you must have inhaled."

This convention is the first at which an American President can say the cold war is over, and freedom finished first.

**Audience members.** U.S.A.! U.S.A.! U.S.A.!

**The President.** We have a lot to be proud of, a lot. Some want to rewrite history, want to skip over the struggle, claim the outcome

was inevitable. And while the U.S. postwar strategy was largely bipartisan, the fact remains that the liberal McGovern wing of the other party, including my opponent, consistently made the wrong choices. In the seventies, they wanted a hollow army. We wanted a strong fighting force. In the eighties—and you remember this one—in the eighties, they wanted a nuclear freeze, and we insisted on peace through strength. From Angola to Central America, they said, "Let's negotiate, deliberate, procrastinate." We said, "Just stand up for freedom." Now the cold war is over, and they claim, "Hey, we were with you all the way."

**Audience members.** Boo-o-o!

**The President.** You know, their behavior reminds me of the old con man's advice to the new kid. He said, "Son, if you're being run out of town, just get out in front and make it look like a parade."

Well, make no mistake: The demise of communism wasn't a sure thing. It took the strong leadership of Presidents from both parties, including Republicans like Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan. Without their vision and the support of the American people, the Soviet Union would be a strong superpower today, and we'd be facing a nuclear threat tonight.

My opponents say I spend too much time on foreign policy, as if it didn't matter that schoolchildren once hid under their desks in drills to prepare for nuclear war. I saw the chance to rid our children's dreams of the nuclear nightmare, and I did. Over the past 4 years, more people have breathed the fresh air of freedom than in all of human history. I saw a chance to help, and I did. These were the two defining opportunities not of a year, not of a decade, but of an entire span of human history. I seized those opportunities for our kids and our grandkids, and I make no apologies for that.

Now, the Soviet bear may be gone, but there are still wolves in the woods. We saw that when Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. The Mideast might have become a nuclear powder keg, our energy supplies held hostage. So we did what was right and what was necessary. We destroyed a threat, freed a people, and locked a tyrant in the prison of his own country.

What about the leader of the Arkansas National Guard, the man who hopes to be Commander in Chief? Well, I bit the bullet, and he bit his nails. Listen to this now. Two days after Congress followed my lead, my opponent said this, and I quote directly: "I guess I would have voted with the majority if it was a close vote. But I agree with the arguments the minority made." Now, sounds to me like his policy can be summed up by a road sign he's probably seen on his bus tour, "Slippery When Wet."

Look, this is serious business. Think about the impact of our foreign policy failures the last time the Democrats controlled both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue: gas lines, grain embargoes, American hostages blindfolded.

There will be more foreign policy challenges like Kuwait in the next 4 years, terrorists and aggressors to stand up to, dangerous weapons to be controlled and destroyed. Freedom's fight is not finished. I look forward to being the first President to visit a free, democratic Cuba. Who will lead the world in the face of these challenges? Not my opponent. In his acceptance speech he devoted just 65 seconds to telling us about the world.

Then he said that America was, and I quote again—I want to be fair and factual—I quote, being "ridiculed" everywhere. Well, tell that to the people around the world, for whom America is still a dream. Tell that to leaders around the world, from whom America commands respect. Ridiculed? Tell that to the men and women of Desert Storm.

**Audience members.** U.S.A.! U.S.A.! U.S.A.!

**The President.** Let me just make an aside comment here because of what you've been reading in the paper. This is a political year, but there's a lot of danger in the world. You can be sure I will never let politics interfere with a foreign policy decision. Forget the election; I will do right, what is right for the national security of the United States of America, and that is a pledge from my heart.

Fifty years ago this summer, I was 18 years of age. I see some young people in the audience tonight, and I remember how I felt in those days. I believed deeply in this country, and we were faced with a world war. So I

made a decision to go off and fight a battle much different from political battles.

I was scared, but I was willing. I was young, but I was ready. I had barely lived when I began to watch men die. I began to see the special place of America in the world. I began to see, even then, that the world would become a much smaller place, and far-away places could become more and more like America.

Fifty years later, after change of almost Biblical proportions, we know that when freedom grows, America grows. Just as a strong America means a safer world, we have learned that a safer world means a stronger America.

This election is about change. But that's not unusual, because the American revolution is never ending. Today, the pace of change is accelerating. We face new opportunities and new challenges. The question is: Who do you trust to make change work for you?

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

**The President.** My opponent says America is a Nation in decline. Of our economy, he says we are somewhere on the list beneath Germany, heading south toward Sri Lanka. Well, don't let anyone tell you that America is second-rate, especially somebody running for President.

Maybe he hasn't heard that we are still the world's largest economy. No other nation sells more outside its borders. The Germans, the British, the Japanese can't touch the productivity of you, the American worker and the American farmer. My opponent won't mention that. He won't remind you that interest rates are the lowest they've been in 20 years, and millions of Americans have refinanced their homes. You just won't hear that inflation, the thief of the middle class, has been locked in a maximum security prison.

You don't hear much about this good news because the media also tends to focus only on the bad. When the Berlin Wall fell, I half expected to see a headline, "Wall Falls, Three Border Guards Lose Jobs." [Laughter] And underneath, it probably says, "Clinton Blames Bush." [Laughter]

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You don't hear a lot about progress in America. So let me tell you about some good things we've done together.

Just two weeks ago, all three nations of North America agreed to trade freely from Manitoba to Mexico. This will bring good jobs to Main Street, U.S.A.

We passed the Americans with Disabilities Act, bringing 43 million people into the economic mainstream. I must say, it's about time.

Our children will breathe easier because of our new clean air pact.

We are rebuilding our roads, providing jobs for more than half a million Americans.

We passed a child care law, and we took a stand for family values by saying that when it comes to raising children, Government doesn't know best; parents know best.

I have fought against prejudice and anti-Semitism all my life. I am proud that we strengthened our civil rights laws, and we did it without resorting to quotas.

One more thing of vital importance to all: Today, cocaine use has fallen by 60 percent among young people. To the teenagers, the parents, and the volunteers who are helping us battle the scourge of drugs in America, we say, thank you; thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Do I want to do more? You bet. Nothing hurts me more than to meet with soldiers home from the Persian Gulf who can't find a job or workers who have a job but worry that the next day will bring a pink slip. And what about parents who scrape and struggle to send their kids to college, only to find them back living at home because they can't get work.

The world is in transition, and we are feeling that transition in our homes. The defining challenge of the nineties is to win the economic competition, to win the peace. We must be a military superpower, an economic superpower, and an export superpower.

In this election, you'll hear two versions of how to do this. Theirs is to look inward and protect what we already have. Ours is to look forward, to open new markets, prepare our people to compete, to restore our social fabric, to save and invest so we can win.

We believe that now that the world looks more like America, it's time for America to look more like herself. And so we offer a philosophy that puts faith in the individual, not the bureaucracy; a philosophy that empowers people to do their best, so America can be at its best. In a world that is safer and freer, this is how we will build an America that is stronger, safer, and more secure.

We start with a simple fact: Government is too big and spends too much.

I have asked Congress to put a lid on mandatory spending, except Social Security. I've proposed doing away with over 200 programs and 4,000 wasteful projects and to freeze all other spending.

The gridlock Democrat Congress said no. **Audience members.** Boo-o-o!

**The President.** So, beginning tonight, I will enforce the spending freeze on my own. If Congress sends me a bill spending more than I asked for in my budget, I will veto it fast, veto it fast, faster than copies of Millie's book sold.

Now, Congress won't cut spending, but refuses to give the President the power to eliminate pork-barrel projects that waste your money. Forty-three Governors have that power. So I ask you, the American people: Give me a Congress that will give me the line-item veto.

Let me tell you about a recent battle fought with the Congress, a battle in which I was aided by Bob Michel and his troops, and Bob Dole and his. This spring, I worked day and night to get two-thirds of the House Members to approve a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. We almost had it, but we lost by just nine votes. Now, listen how. Just before the vote, the liberal leaders of the Congress convinced 12 Members who cosponsored the bill to switch sides and vote no. Keep in mind, they voted against a bill they had already put their names on. Something fishy is going on.

And look at my opponent on this issue. Look at my opponent. He says he's for balanced budgets. But he came out against the amendment. He's like that on a lot of issues, first on one side, then the other. He's been spotted in more places than Elvis Presley.

After all these years, Congress has become pretty creative at finding ways to waste your

money. So we need to be just as creative at finding ways to stop them. I have a brandnew idea. Taxpayers should be given the right to check a box on their tax returns so that up to 10 percent of their payments can go for one purpose alone: to reduce the national debt.

But we also need to make sure that Congress doesn't just turn around and borrow more money to spend more money. So I will require that for every tax dollar set aside to cut the debt, the ceilings on spending will be cut by an equal amount. That way, we will cut both debt and spending and take a whack out of the budget deficit.

My feelings about big government come from my experience; I spent half my adult life in the private sector. My opponent has a different experience; he's been in government nearly all his life. His passion to expand government knows no bounds.

He's already proposed, and listen to this carefully, he has already proposed \$220 billion in new spending, along with the biggest tax increase in history, \$150 billion. And that's just to start.

**Audience members.** Boo-o-o!

**The President.** He says he wants to tax the rich. But folks, he defines rich as anyone who has a job. [Laughter]

You've heard of the separations of powers. Well, my opponent practices a different theory: the power of separations. Government has the power to separate you from your wallet. [Laughter]

Now let me say this: When it comes to taxes, I've learned the hard way. There's an old saying, "Good judgment comes from experience, and experience comes from bad judgment." Two years ago, I made a bad call on the Democrats tax increase. I underestimated Congress' addiction to taxes. With my back against the wall, I agreed to a hard bargain: One tax increase one time in return for the toughest spending limits ever.

Well, it was a mistake to go along with the Democratic tax increase, and I admit it. But here's the question for the American people. Who do you trust in this election? The candidate who's raised taxes one time and regrets it, or the other candidate who raised taxes and fees 128 times and enjoyed it every time?

**Audience members.** Viva Bush! Viva Bush! Viva Bush!

**The President.** Thank you very much.

**Audience members.** Hit 'em again! Hit 'em again, harder, harder! Hit 'em again! Hit 'em again, harder, harder!

**The President.** When the new Congress convenes next January, I will propose to further reduce taxes across the board, provided we pay for these cuts with specific spending reductions that I consider appropriate, so that we do not increase the deficit. I will also continue to fight to increase the personal exemption and to create jobs by winning a cut in capital gains taxes.

That will especially help small businesses. You know, they create—small businesses—they create two-thirds of the new jobs in America. But my opponent's plan for small business is clear, present, and dangerous. Beside new income taxes, his plan will lead to a new payroll tax to pay for a Government takeover of health care and another new tax to pay for training. That is just the beginning.

If he gets his way, hardware stores across America will have a new sign up, "Closed for despair." I guess you'd say his plan really is "Elvis economics." America will be checking into the "Heartbreak Hotel."

I believe that small business needs relief from taxation, regulation, and litigation. And thus, I will extend for one year the freeze on paperwork and unnecessary Federal regulation that I imposed last winter. There is no reason that Federal regulations should live longer than my friend George Burns. I will issue an order to get rid of any rule whose time has come and gone.

I see something happening in our towns and in our neighborhoods. Sharp lawyers are running wild. Doctors are afraid to practice medicine, and some moms and pops won't even coach Little League any more. We must sue each other less and care for each other more. I am fighting to reform our legal system, to put an end to crazy lawsuits. If that means climbing into the ring with the trial lawyers, well, let me just say, round one starts tonight.

After all, my opponent's campaign is being backed by practically every trial lawyer who ever wore a tasseled loafer. He's not in the ring with them; he's in the tank.

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There are other things we need to do to get our economy up to speed, prepare our kids for the next century. We must have new incentives for research and new training for workers. Small businesses need capital and credit, and defense workers need new jobs. I have a plan to provide affordable health care for every American, controlling costs by cutting paperwork and lawsuits and expanding coverage to the poorest of the poor.

We do not need my opponent's plan for a massive Government takeover of health care, which would ration care and deny you the right to choose a doctor. Who wants health care with a system with the efficiency of the House Post Office and the compassion of the KGB?

What about our schools? What about our schools? My opponent and I both want to change the way our kids learn. He wants to change our schools a little bit, and I want to change them a lot. Take the issue of whether parents should be able to choose the best school for their kids. My opponent says that's okay, as long as the school is run by government. And I say every parent and child should have a real choice of schools, public, private, or religious.

So we have a clear choice to fix our problems. Do we turn to the tattered blanket of bureaucracy that other nations are tossing away? Or do we give our people the freedom and incentives to build security for themselves?

Here's what I'm fighting for: Open markets for American products; lower Government spending; tax relief; opportunities for small business; legal and health reform; job training; and new schools built on competition, ready for the 21st century.

Now, okay, why are these proposals not in effect today? Only one reason: the gridlock Democratic Congress.

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

**The President.** A very good idea, a very good idea.

Now, I know Americans are tired of the blame game, tired of people in Washington acting like they're candidates for the next episode of "American Gladiators." I don't like it, either. Neither should you. But the truth

is the truth. Our policies have not failed. They haven't even been tried.

Americans want jobs, and on January 28th, I put before Congress a plan to create jobs. If it'd been passed back then, 500,000 more Americans would be at work right now. But in a Nation that demands action, Congress has become the master of inaction.

It wasn't always this way. I heard President Ford tonight. I served in Congress 22 years ago, under him. And back then, we cooperated. We didn't get personal. We put the people above everything else. Heck, we didn't even own blow dryers back in those days.

At my first inauguration, I said that people didn't send us to bicker. I extended my hand, and I think the American people know this, I extended my hand to the congressional leaders, the Democratic leaders, and they bit it.

The House leadership has not changed in 38 years. It is a body caught in a hopelessly tangled web of PAC's, perks, privileges, partnership, and paralysis. Every day, Congress puts politics ahead of principle and above progress.

Now, let me give you just one example: February 20th, 1991. It was at the height of the Gulf war. On that very same day, I asked American pilots to risk their lives to fly missions over Baghdad. I also wanted to strengthen our economic security for the future. So that very same day, I introduced a new domestic energy strategy which would cut our dependence on foreign oil by 7 million barrels a day.

How many days did it take to win the Gulf war? Forty-three. How many did it take Congress to pass a national energy strategy? Five hundred and thirty-two, and still counting. I have ridden stationary bikes that can move faster than the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate, controlled by the Democrat leadership.

**Audience members.** Hit 'em again! Hit 'em again, harder, harder! Hit 'em again! Hit 'em again, harder, harder!

**The President.** Okay. All right. You wait. I'm fixing to.

Where does my opponent stand with Congress? Well, up in New York at their convention, they kept the congressional leaders

away from the podium, hid them away. They didn't want America to hear from the people who really make the decisions. They hid them for a very good reason, because the American people would recognize a dangerous combination: a rubber-check Congress and a rubber-stamp President.

Governor Clinton and Congress know that you've caught on to their lingo. They know when they say "spending," you say "uh-oh." So now they have a new word, "investment." They want to "invest" \$220 billion more of your money, but I want you to keep it.

Governor Clinton and Congress want to put through the largest tax increase in history, but I will not let that happen. Governor Clinton and Congress don't want kids to have the option of praying in school, but I do. Clinton and Congress don't want to close legal loopholes and keep criminals behind bars, but I will. Clinton and Congress will stock the judiciary with liberal judges who write laws they can't get approved by the voters.

Governor Clinton even says that Mario Cuomo belongs on the Supreme Court. [Laughter] Wait a minute, though. No, wait. Maybe not a bad idea. If you believe in judicial restraint, you probably ought to be happy. After all, the good Governor of New York can't make up his mind between chocolate and vanilla at Baskin Robbins. He's there, we won't have another court decision for 35 years, and maybe that's all right, too.

Are my opponent and Congress really in cahoots? Look at one important question: Should we limit the terms of Congress?

**Audience members.** Yes.

**The President.** Governor Clinton says, no. Congress says, no. I say, yes.

We tried this—look, we tried this once before, combining the Democratic Governor of a small southern State with a very liberal Vice President and a Democratic Congress. America does not need Carter II. We do not want to take America back to those days of malaise. But Americans want to know: Where's proof that we will have better days in Washington?

I'll give you 150 reasons. That's how many Members of Congress are expected to leave Washington this year. Some are tainted by scandal; the voters have bounced them the

way they bounced their own checks. But others are good Members, Republican and Democrat, and they agree with me. The place just doesn't work anymore.

One hundred-fifty new Members, from both parties, will be coming to Washington this fall. Every one will have a fresh view of America's future.

I pledge today to the American people, immediately after this election, I will meet with every one of these Members, before they get attacked by the PAC's, overwhelmed by their staffs, and cornered by some camera crew. I will lay out my case for change, change that matters, real change that makes a difference, change that is right for America.

You see, there is a yearning in America, a feeling that maybe it's time to get back to our roots. Sure we must change, but some values are timeless. I believe in families that stick together, fathers who stick around. I happen to believe very deeply in the worth of each individual human being, born or unborn. I believe in teaching our kids the difference between what's wrong and what's right, teaching them respect for hard work and to love their neighbors. I believe that America will always have a special place in God's heart, as long as He has a special place in ours. Maybe that's why I've always believed that patriotism is not just another point of view.

There are times in every young person's life when God introduces you to yourself. I remember such a time. It was back many years ago, when I stood watch at 4 a.m. up on the bridge of a submarine, the United States *Finback*, U.S.S. *Finback*. And I would stand there and look out on the blackness of the sky, broken only by the sparkling stars above. And I would think about friends I lost, a country I loved, and about a girl named Barbara. I remember those nights as clearly as any in my life.

You know, you can see things from up there that other people don't see. You can see storm clouds rise and then disappear, the first hint of the sun over the horizon, and the first outline of the shore far away.

Now, I know that Americans are uneasy today. There is anxious talk around our kitchen tables. But from where I stand, I see not America's sunset but a sunrise.

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pass, and with them a rare and unprece-  
dented opportunity to pass the sweet cup of  
prosperity around our American table.

Are we up to it? I know we are. As I travel  
our land, I meet veterans who once worked  
the turrets of a tank and can now master the  
keyboards of high-tech economy. I see teach-  
ers blessed with the incredible American ca-  
pacity for innovation who are teaching our  
children a new way to learn for a new cen-  
tury. I meet parents, some working two jobs  
with hectic schedules, who still find new ways  
to teach old values to steady their kids in  
a turbulent world.

I take heart from what is happening in  
America, not from those who profess a new  
passion for government but from those with  
an old and enduring faith in the human po-  
tential, those who understand that the genius  
of America is our capacity for rebirth and  
renewal. America is the land where the sun  
is always peeking over the horizon.

Tonight I appeal to that unyielding, undy-  
ing, undeniable American spirit. I ask you  
to consider, now that the entire world is mov-  
ing our way, why would we want to go back  
their way? I ask not just for your support  
for my agenda but for your commitment to  
renew and rebuild our Nation by shaking up  
the one institution that has withstood change  
for over four decades. Join me in rolling away  
the roadblock at the other end of Pennsylva-  
nia Avenue, so that in the next 4 years, we  
will match our accomplishments outside by  
building a stronger, safer, more secure Amer-  
ica inside.

Forty-four years ago in another age of un-  
certainty a different President embarked on  
a similar mission. His name was Harry S Tru-  
man. As he stood before his party to accept  
their nomination, Harry Truman knew the  
freedom I know this evening, the freedom  
to talk about what's right for America, and  
let the chips fall where they may.

Harry Truman said this: This is more than  
a political call to arms. Give me your help,  
not to win votes alone, but to win this new  
crusade and keep America safe and secure  
for its own people.

Well, tonight I say to you: Join me in our  
new crusade, to reap the rewards of our glob-

al victory, to win the peace, so that we may  
make America safer and stronger for all our  
people.

May God bless you, and may God bless  
the United States of America. Thank you very  
much.

*Note: The President spoke at 9:20 p.m. at  
the Houston Astrodome.*

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### Points of Light Recognition Program

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*The President named the following individ-  
uals and institutions as exemplars of his com-  
mitment to making community service  
central to the life and work of every Amer-  
ican.*

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August 15

*Volunteers of the Vigo County School Corp.  
Adult Literacy Program, of Terre Haute, IN*

August 16

*Ivy Olson and the volunteers of the Angel Net-  
work, of Honolulu, HI*

August 17

*Volunteers of the Susquehanna County Volun-  
teer Literacy Council, of Montrose, PA*

August 18

*Volunteers of Bethlehem House Project, Inc.,  
of Redlands, CA*

August 19

*Carol and Hurt Porter and the volunteers of  
We Care About Kids, Kid Care, Inc., of  
Houston, TX*

August 20

*Jerry and Elouise Lee, of Page, AZ*

August 21

*Community Caring Volunteers, of Billings, MT*

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### Digest of Other White House Announcements

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*The following list includes the President's  
public schedule and other items of general  
interest announced by the Office of the Press  
Secretary and not included elsewhere in this  
issue.*

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU VERY  
MUCH. I AM PROUD TO RECEIVE, AND I AM  
\* HONORED TO ACCEPT YOUR NOMINATION FOR  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.//

THIS NOMINATION IS NOT FOR ME ALONE. IT  
IS FOR THE IDEAS, PRINCIPLES, AND VALUES  
THAT WE STAND FOR.

MY JOB HAS BEEN MADE EASIER BY A LEADER  
WHO HAS TAKEN A LOT OF UNFAIR CRITICISM,  
\* WITH GRACE AND HUMOR -- VICE PRESIDENT --  
DAN QUAYLE.//

I WANT TO TALK TONIGHT ABOUT THE SHARP  
CHOICE I INTEND TO OFFER AMERICANS THIS FALL  
-- A CHOICE BETWEEN DIFFERENT AGENDAS,  
DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, AND YES, A CHOICE  
ABOUT THE CHARACTER OF THE MAN YOU WANT TO  
LEAD THIS NATION.

I KNOW THAT AMERICANS HAVE MANY  
QUESTIONS -- ABOUT OUR ECONOMY, ABOUT OUR  
COUNTRY'S FUTURE, EVEN QUESTIONS ABOUT ME.  
// I WILL ANSWER THEM TONIGHT.

\* FIRST, I FEEL GREAT // AND I AM  
HEARTENED BY THE POLLS // THE ONES THAT SAY  
THAT I LOOK BETTER IN MY JOGGING SHORTS THAN  
\* THE GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS!//

FOUR YEARS AGO, I SPOKE ABOUT MISSIONS -  
- FOR MY LIFE AND FOR OUR COUNTRY. I SPOKE  
OF ONE URGENT MISSION -- DEFENDING OUR  
SECURITY AND PROMOTING THE AMERICAN IDEAL  
ABROAD.

JUST PAUSE FOR A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON  
WHAT WE'VE DONE.

GERMANY HAS UNITED -- AND A SLAB OF THE  
BERLIN WALL SITS RIGHT OUTSIDE THIS  
\* ASTRODOME. //

ARABS AND ISRAELIS NOW SIT FACE-TO-  
FACE AND TALK PEACE.//

\* EVERY HOSTAGE HELD IN LEBANON -- IS  
FREE.

THE CONFLICT IN EL SALVADOR IS OVER, AND  
\* FREE ELECTIONS BROUGHT DEMOCRACY TO  
NICARAGUA.

BLACK AND WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS CHEERED  
EACH OTHER AT THE OLYMPICS.

THE SOVIET UNION CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN  
HISTORY BOOKS.

THE CAPTIVE NATIONS OF EASTERN EUROPE  
AND THE BALTICS ARE CAPTIVE NO MORE.

AND TODAY ON THE RURAL STREETS OF  
POLAND, MERCHANTS SELL CANS OF AIR LABELLED,  
\* THE / LAST / BREATH / OF / COMMUNISM.

IF I HAD STOOD BEFORE YOU FOUR YEARS  
AGO AND DESCRIBED THIS AS THE WORLD WE WOULD  
HELP TO BUILD, YOU WOULD HAVE SAID: "GEORGE  
BUSH, YOU MUST BE SMOKING SOMETHING -- AND /  
\* YOU MUST HAVE INHALED."//

THIS CONVENTION IS THE FIRST AT WHICH AN  
AMERICAN PRESIDENT CAN SAY // -- THE COLD  
WAR IS OVER, AND FREEDOM / FINISHED /  
\* FIRST.//

SOME WANT TO REWRITE HISTORY, WANT TO  
SKIP OVER THE STRUGGLE, CLAIM THE OUTCOME  
WAS / INEVITABLE. AND WHILE THE U.S.  
POSTWAR STRATEGY WAS LARGELY BIPARTISAN, THE  
FACT REMAINS THAT THE LIBERAL, MCGOVERN WING  
OF THE OTHER PARTY -- INCLUDING MY  
OPPONENT -- // CONSISTENTLY MADE THE WRONG  
\* CHOICES.

IN THE 70'S, THEY WANTED A HOLLOW ARMY -  
- WE WANTED A STRONG FIGHTING FORCE.

IN THE 80'S, THEY WANTED A NUCLEAR  
FREEZE -- WE INSISTED ON PEACE THROUGH  
\* STRENGTH.

FROM ANGOLA TO CENTRAL AMERICA -- THEY  
SAID "LETS NEGOTIATE, DELIBERATE,  
PROCRASTINATE." WE SAID -- JUST STAND UP  
FOR FREEDOM.

*Boo!* NOW THE COLD WAR IS OVER AND THEY  
CLAIM -- "HEY, WE WERE WITH YOU ALL THE  
WAY!"// THEIR BEHAVIOR REMINDS ME OF THE  
OLD CON MAN'S ADVICE TO THE NEW KID. HE  
SAID SON, "IF YOU'RE BEING RUN OUT OF TOWN,  
JUST GET OUT IN FRONT / AND MAKE IT LOOK  
~~X~~ LIKE A PARADE."//

MAKE NO MISTAKE -- WITHOUT STEADFAST  
REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP, AND THE SUPPORT OF  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THE SOVIET UNION WOULD  
BE A DOMINANT SUPERPOWER TODAY AND/ WE'D BE  
FACING A NUCLEAR THREAT TONIGHT./.

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MY OPPONENTS SAY I SPEND TOO MUCH TIME  
ON FOREIGN POLICY.//

AS IF IT DIDN'T MATTER THAT  
SCHOOLCHILDREN ONCE HID UNDER THEIR DESKS IN  
DRILLS TO PREPARE FOR NUCLEAR WAR. I SAW  
THE CHANCE TO RID OUR CHILDREN'S DREAMS OF  
\* THE NUCLEAR NIGHTMARE / -- AND I DID. OVER  
THE PAST FOUR YEARS, MORE PEOPLE HAVE  
BREATHED THE FRESH AIR OF FREEDOM THAN IN  
ALL OF HUMAN HISTORY. I SAW A CHANCE TO  
\* HELP// -- AND I DID. THESE WERE THE TWO  
DEFINING OPPORTUNITIES NOT OF A YEAR -- NOT  
OF A DECADE, BUT OF AN ENTIRE SPAN OF HUMAN  
HISTORY.

I SEIZED THOSE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR  
\* KIDS AND OUR GRANDKIDS -- AND / I / MAKE /  
NO / APOLOGIES / FOR / THAT.

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NOW, THE SOVIET BEAR MAY BE GONE, BUT  
THERE ARE STILL WOLVES IN THE WOODS.

WE SAW THAT WHEN SADDAM HUSSEIN INVADED  
KUWAIT. THE MIDEAST MIGHT HAVE BECOME A  
NUCLEAR POWDERKEG -- OUR ENERGY SUPPLIES  
HELD HOSTAGE. SO WE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT, AND  
WHAT WAS NECESSARY. WE DESTROYED A THREAT /  
-- FREED A PEOPLE -- AND LOCKED A TYRANT IN  
\* THE PRISON OF HIS OWN COUNTRY.//

[SMILE]

WHAT ABOUT THE LEADER OF THE ARKANSAS  
NATIONAL GUARD -- THE MAN WHO HOPES TO BE  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF? WELL, WHILE I BIT THE  
*X* BULLET// -- HE BIT HIS NAILS.

TWO DAYS AFTER CONGRESS VOTED TO FOLLOW  
MY LEAD, MY OPPONENT SAID THIS -- AND I  
QUOTE. "I GUESS I WOULD HAVE VOTED WITH THE  
*BOO!* MAJORITY IF IT WAS A CLOSE VOTE. BUT I  
AGREE WITH THE ARGUMENTS THE MINORITY MADE."

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SOUNDS TO ME LIKE HIS POLICY CAN BE  
SUMMED UP BY A ROAD SIGN HE'S PROBABLY SEEN  
*X* ON HIS BUS TOUR --// "SLIPPERY WHEN WET."//

V/V

**BUT THIS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS.**

**THINK ABOUT THE IMPACT OF OUR FOREIGN  
POLICY FAILURES THE LAST TIME THE DEMOCRATS  
CONTROLLED BOTH ENDS OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.  
GAS LINES. GRAIN EMBARGOES. AMERICAN  
HOSTAGES BLINDFOLDED. //**

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THERE WILL BE MORE FOREIGN POLICY  
CHALLENGES LIKE KUWAIT IN THE NEXT FOUR  
YEARS. TERRORISTS AND AGGRESSORS TO STAND  
UP TO -- DANGEROUS WEAPONS TO BE CONTROLLED  
AND DESTROYED. AND FREEDOM'S FIGHT IS NOT  
FINISHED. I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING THE FIRST  
PRESIDENT TO VISIT A FREE, DEMOCRATIC  
\* CUBA.//

WHO WILL LEAD THE WORLD IN THE FACE OF  
THESE CHALLENGES? NOT MY OPPONENT. IN HIS  
ACCEPTANCE SPEECH HE DEVOTED JUST 65 SECONDS  
TO TELLING US ABOUT THE WORLD.

THEN HE SAID THAT AMERICA WAS -- AND I  
QUOTE -- BEING "RIDICULED" EVERYWHERE. TELL  
THAT TO THE PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD -- FOR  
WHOM AMERICA IS STILL A DREAM. TELL THAT TO

\* LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD -- FROM WHOM  
AMERICA COMMANDS RESPECT. "RIDICULED?"

\* TELL THAT TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF DESERT  
STORM.//

(LET ME MAKE AN ASIDE. THIS IS A  
POLITICAL YEAR, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF DANGER  
IN THE WORLD. YOU CAN BE SURE, I WILL NEVER  
LET POLITICS INTERFERE WITH A FOREIGN POLICY  
DECISION. FORGET THE ELECTION, I WILL DO  
\* WHAT'S RIGHT FOR OUR NATIONAL SECURITY.)//

50 YEARS AGO THIS SUMMER, // I WAS 18  
YEARS OF AGE. (I SEE SOME YOUNG PEOPLE IN  
THE AUDIENCE TONIGHT, AND I REMEMBER HOW I  
\* FELT IN THOSE DAYS.) I BELIEVED DEEPLY IN  
THIS COUNTRY, AND WE WERE FACED WITH A WORLD  
WAR. SO I MADE A DECISION, TO GO OFF AND  
FIGHT A BATTLE MUCH DIFFERENT FROM POLITICAL  
BATTLES.

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I WAS SCARED, / BUT I WAS WILLING. / I  
WAS YOUNG, / BUT I WAS READY. / I HAD BARELY  
LIVED, / WHEN I BEGAN TO WATCH MEN DIE. // I  
BEGAN TO SEE THE SPECIAL PLACE OF AMERICA IN  
THE WORLD, AND I BEGAN TO SEE -- EVEN THEN -  
- THAT THE WORLD WOULD BECOME A MUCH SMALLER  
PLACE -- AND FARAWAY PLACES COULD BECOME  
MORE AND MORE LIKE AMERICA.

FIFTY YEARS LATER, AFTER CHANGE OF  
ALMOST BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS, / WE KNOW THAT  
WHEN FREEDOM GROWS, AMERICA GROWS. / JUST AS  
A STRONG AMERICA MEANS A SAFER WORLD, / WE  
\* HAVE LEARNED THAT A SAFER WORLD MEANS A  
STRONGER AMERICA.

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THIS ELECTION IS ABOUT CHANGE. BUT THAT'S NOT UNUSUAL, BECAUSE THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION IS NEVER ENDING. TODAY, THE PACE OF CHANGE IS ACCELERATING. WE FACE NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND NEW CHALLENGES. THE QUESTION IS -- WHO DO YOU TRUST TO MAKE CHANGE WORK FOR YOU?

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MY OPPONENT SAYS AMERICA IS A NATION IN DECLINE. OF OUR ECONOMY HE SAYS -- WE ARE SOMEWHERE ON THE LIST BENEATH GERMANY, HEADING SOUTH TOWARD SRI LANKA.//

WELL, DON'T LET ANYONE TELL YOU THAT  
AMERICA IS SECOND-RATE, ESPECIALLY /  
\* SOMEBODY / RUNNING / FOR / PRESIDENT.//

MAYBE HE HASN'T HEARD THAT WE ARE STILL  
THE WORLD'S LARGEST ECONOMY./ NO OTHER  
NATION SELLS MORE OUTSIDE ITS BORDERS. THE  
GERMANS, THE BRITISH, THE JAPANESE -- CAN'T  
TOUCH THE PRODUCTIVITY OF YOU -- THE  
\* AMERICAN WORKER AND THE AMERICAN FARMER. MY  
OPPONENT WON'T MENTION THAT. HE WON'T  
REMINDE YOU THAT INTEREST RATES ARE THE  
LOWEST THEY'VE BEEN IN 20 YEARS -- AND  
\* MILLIONS OF AMERICANS HAVE REFINANCED THEIR  
HOMES./ AND YOU JUST WON'T HEAR THAT  
INFLATION -- THE THIEF OF THE MIDDLE-CLASS -  
- HAS BEEN LOCKED IN A MAXIMUM SECURITY  
PRISON.

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YOU DON'T HEAR MUCH ABOUT THIS GOOD NEWS  
-- BECAUSE THE MEDIA ALSO TENDS TO FOCUS  
ONLY ON THE BAD. WHEN THE BERLIN WALL FELL,  
I HALF EXPECTED TO SEE A HEADLINE -- "WALL  
\* FALLS, THREE BORDER GUARDS LOSE JOBS."//  
AND UNDERNEATH IT PROBABLY SAYS -- "CLINTON  
\*\* BLAMES BUSH."

YOU DON'T HEAR A LOT ABOUT PROGRESS IN  
AMERICA. SO LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT SOME GOOD  
THINGS WE'VE DONE TOGETHER.

JUST TWO WEEKS AGO, ALL THREE NATIONS OF  
NORTH AMERICA AGREED TO TRADE FREELY FROM  
\* MANITOBA TO MEXICO. THIS WILL BRING GOOD  
JOBS TO MAIN STREET USA.

WE PASSED THE AMERICANS WITH  
DISABILITIES ACT -- BRINGING 43 MILLION  
PEOPLE INTO THE ECONOMIC MAINSTREAM. I MUST  
\* SAY, IT IS ABOUT TIME.//

OUR CHILDREN WILL BREATHE EASIER BECAUSE  
OF OUR NEW CLEAN AIR ACT.//

WE ARE REBUILDING OUR ROADS, PROVIDING  
JOBS FOR MORE THAN HALF A MILLION  
AMERICANS.//

WE PASSED A CHILD CARE LAW, AND WE TOOK  
A STAND FOR FAMILY VALUES BY SAYING THAT  
WHEN IT COMES TO RAISING CHILDREN --  
\* GOVERNMENT DOESN'T KNOW BEST -- PARENTS KNOW  
BEST.//

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I'VE FOUGHT AGAINST PREJUDICE AND ANTI-SEMITISM ALL MY LIFE. AND I AM PROUD THAT WE STRENGTHENED OUR CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS -- AND \* WE DID IT WITHOUT RESORTING TO QUOTAS.

ONE MORE THING./ TODAY, COCAINE USE HAS FALLEN BY 60% AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE. TO THE TEENAGERS, THE PARENTS AND THE VOLUNTEERS - \* - WHO ARE HELPING US BATTLE THE SCOURGE OF DRUGS IN AMERICA:/ WE THANK YOU.//

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DO I WANT TO DO MORE? YOU BET.  
NOTHING HURTS ME MORE THAN TO MEET WITH  
SOLDIERS HOME FROM THE PERSIAN GULF, WHO  
CAN'T FIND A JOB. OR WORKERS WHO HAVE A  
JOB, BUT WORRY THAT THE NEXT DAY WILL BRING  
A PINK SLIP. AND WHAT ABOUT PARENTS WHO  
SCRAPE AND STRUGGLE TO SEND THEIR KIDS TO  
COLLEGE, ONLY TO FIND THEM BACK LIVING AT  
HOME -- BECAUSE THEY CAN'T GET WORK.

THE WORLD IS IN TRANSITION, AND WE ARE  
FEELING THAT TRANSITION IN OUR HOMES.

THE DEFINING CHALLENGE OF THE  
NINETIES IS TO WIN THE ECONOMIC  
COMPETITION -- TO WIN THE PEACE.//

WE MUST BE A MILITARY SUPERPOWER, AN  
ECONOMIC SUPERPOWER, AND AN EXPORT  
\* SUPERPOWER.

IN THIS ELECTION, YOU'LL HEAR TWO  
VISIONS OF HOW TO DO THIS. THEIRS IS TO  
LOOK INWARD, AND PROTECT WHAT WE ALREADY  
HAVE.// OURS IS TO LOOK FORWARD -- TO OPEN  
NEW MARKETS, PREPARE OUR PEOPLE TO COMPETE,  
TO RESTORE OUR SOCIAL FABRIC -- TO SAVE AND  
\* INVEST -- SO WE CAN WIN.//

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WE BELIEVE THAT NOW THAT THE WORLD LOOKS MORE LIKE AMERICA, IT IS TIME FOR AMERICA TO LOOK MORE LIKE HERSELF.

AND SO WE OFFER A PHILOSOPHY THAT PUTS FAITH IN THE INDIVIDUAL, NOT THE BUREAUCRACY. A PHILOSOPHY THAT EMPOWERS PEOPLE TO BE THEIR BEST -- SO AMERICA CAN BE AT ITS BEST. IN A WORLD THAT IS SAFER AND FREER, THIS IS HOW WE WILL BUILD AN AMERICA THAT IS STRONGER, SAFER AND MORE SECURE.

WE START WITH A SIMPLE FACT --  
✕ GOVERNMENT IS TOO BIG, AND SPENDS TOO MUCH.

I'VE ASKED CONGRESS TO PUT A LID ON  
MANDATORY SPENDING EXCEPT SOCIAL SECURITY.  
AND I'VE PROPOSED DOING AWAY WITH OVER 200  
PROGRAMS AND 4,000 WASTEFUL PROJECTS // AND  
\* TO FREEZE / ALL / OTHER / SPENDING.

THE GRIDLOCK DEMOCRAT CONGRESS HAS  
BOO! SAID -- "NO."

SO, / BEGINNING TONIGHT, / I WILL ENFORCE  
THE SPENDING FREEZE ON / MY / OWN. IF  
CONGRESS SENDS ME A BILL SPENDING MORE THAN  
I ASKED FOR IN MY BUDGET -- I WILL VETO IT  
\* FAST -- FASTER THAN COPIES OF MILLIE'S BOOK  
SOLD. //

CONGRESS WON'T CUT SPENDING, BUT REFUSES  
TO GIVE THE PRESIDENT THE POWER TO ELIMINATE  
PORK BARREL PROJECTS THAT WASTE YOUR MONEY.  
43 GOVERNORS HAVE THAT POWER. SO I ASK YOU,  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, / GIVE ME A CONGRESS /  
\* THAT WILL GIVE ME THE LINE-ITEM VETO.

LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT A RECENT BATTLE I  
FOUGHT WITH CONGRESS. THIS SPRING, I WORKED  
DAY AND NIGHT TO GET 2/3RDS OF ITS MEMBERS  
TO APPROVE A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO  
THE CONSTITUTION.

WE ALMOST HAD IT, BUT WE LOST BY JUST  
NINE VOTES. LISTEN HOW. JUST BEFORE THE  
VOTE, THE LIBERAL LEADERS OF CONGRESS  
CONVINCED 12 MEMBERS WHO COSPONSORED THE  
BILL -- TO SWITCH SIDES AND VOTE NO. KEEP  
IN MIND, THEY VOTED AGAINST A BILL THEY HAD  
ALREADY PUT THEIR NAMES ON.//

**DOO!** SOMETHING FISHY GOING ON? WELL, LOOK AT  
MY OPPONENT ON THIS ISSUE. HE SAYS HE'S FOR  
BALANCED BUDGETS. BUT -- HE CAME OUT  
AGAINST THE AMENDMENT. HE'S LIKE THAT ON A  
LOT OF ISSUES -- FIRST ONE SIDE, THEN THE  
OTHER. HE'S BEEN SPOTTED IN MORE PLACES  
**X** THAN ELVIS PRESLEY.//

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, CONGRESS HAS  
BECOME PRETTY CREATIVE AT FINDING WAYS TO  
WASTE YOUR MONEY. / SO WE NEED TO BE JUST AS  
CREATIVE AT FINDING WAYS TO STOP THEM. I  
HAVE A BRAND NEW IDEA.

TAXPAYERS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO  
CHECK A BOX ON THEIR TAX RETURNS, SO THAT UP  
TO 10 PERCENT OF THEIR PAYMENTS CAN GO FOR  
ONE PURPOSE ALONE -- TO REDUCE THE NATIONAL  
\* DEBT.

BUT WE ALSO NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT  
CONGRESS DOESN'T JUST TURN AROUND AND BORROW  
MORE MONEY -- TO SPEND MORE MONEY. SO I  
WILL REQUIRE THAT FOR EVERY TAX DOLLAR SET  
ASIDE TO CUT THE DEBT, THE CEILINGS ON  
SPENDING WILL BE CUT BY AN EQUAL AMOUNT.  
\* THAT WAY -- WE'LL CUT BOTH DEBT AND SPENDING  
-- AND TAKE A WHACK OUT OF THE BUDGET  
\* DEFICIT.//

MY FEELINGS ABOUT BIG GOVERNMENT COME  
FROM MY EXPERIENCE -- I SPENT HALF MY ADULT  
LIFE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.// MY OPPONENT  
HAS A DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE -- HE'S BEEN IN  
GOVERNMENT NEARLY ALL HIS LIFE. HIS PASSION  
TO EXPAND GOVERNMENT KNOWS NO BOUNDS.

HE'S ALREADY PROPOSED \$220 BILLION IN NEW  
SPENDING, ALONG WITH THE BIGGEST TAX  
INCREASE IN HISTORY -- \$150 BILLION  
DOLLARS -- THAT'S JUST TO START.

*BOO!*

HE SAYS HE WANTS TO TAX THE RICH, BUT,  
FOLKS, HE DEFINES RICH/ -- AS ANYONE WHO HAS  
A JOB.//

*X*

YOU'VE HEARD OF THE SEPARATIONS OF  
POWERS. MY OPPONENT PRACTICES A DIFFERENT  
THEORY -- "THE POWER OF SEPARATIONS."  
GOVERNMENT HAS THE POWER TO SEPARATE YOU  
FROM YOUR WALLET.

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WHEN IT COMES TO TAXES, I'VE LEARNED THE  
HARD WAY.

THERE'S AN OLD SAYING. "GOOD JUDGMENT  
COMES FROM EXPERIENCE, AND EXPERIENCE COMES  
FROM BAD JUDGMENT."//

TWO YEARS AGO, I MADE A BAD CALL ON THE  
DEMOCRATS TAX INCREASE. I UNDERESTIMATED  
CONGRESS' ADDICTION TO TAXES. WITH MY BACK  
AGAINST THE WALL, I AGREED TO A HARD  
BARGAIN: ONE TAX INCREASE ONE TIME, IN  
RETURN FOR THE TOUGHEST SPENDING LIMITS  
EVER.

\* WELL, IT WAS A MISTAKE TO GO ALONG WITH  
\* THE DEMOCRATIC TAX INCREASE. / BUT HERE'S MY  
QUESTION FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. WHO DO  
YOU TRUST IN THIS ELECTION? THE CANDIDATE  
WHO RAISED TAXES ONE TIME AND REGRETS IT, OR  
THE OTHER CANDIDATE WHO RAISED TAXES AND  
\* FEES 128 TIMES, AND ENJOYED IT EVERY TIME. //

WHEN THE NEW CONGRESS CONVENES, I WILL  
PROPOSE TO FURTHER REDUCE TAXES ACROSS THE  
BOARD -- PROVIDED WE PAY FOR THESE CUTS WITH  
SPECIFIC SPENDING REDUCTIONS THAT I CONSIDER  
APPROPRIATE, SO THAT WE DO NOT INCREASE THE  
DEFICIT. I WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO FIGHT TO  
INCREASE THE PERSONAL EXEMPTION// AND TO  
\* CREATE JOBS BY WINNING A CUT IN CAPITAL  
GAINS TAXES. //

THAT WILL ESPECIALLY HELP SMALL  
BUSINESSES. THEY CREATE 2/3RDS OF THE NEW  
JOBS IN AMERICA./ BUT MY OPPONENT'S PLAN  
FOR SMALL BUSINESS IS CLEAR, PRESENT -- AND  
DANGEROUS./ BESIDES NEW INCOME TAXES -- HIS  
PLAN WILL LEAD TO A NEW PAYROLL TAX TO PAY  
FOR A GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE --  
AND ANOTHER NEW TAX TO PAY FOR TRAINING.  
THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING.

IF HE GETS HIS WAY, HARDWARE STORES  
ACROSS AMERICA WILL HAVE A NEW SIGN UP --  
"CLOSED FOR DESPAIR". I GUESS YOU'D SAY HIS  
PLAN REALLY IS "ELVIS ECONOMICS." AMERICA  
WILL BE CHECKING INTO THE "HEARTBREAK  
HOTEL." //

I BELIEVE SMALL BUSINESS NEEDS RELIEF -  
\* - FROM TAXATION, REGULATION, AND LITIGATION.

I WILL EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR THE FREEZE  
ON PAPERWORK AND UNNECESSARY FEDERAL  
\* REGULATION THAT I IMPOSED LAST WINTER. THERE  
IS NO REASON THAT FEDERAL REGULATIONS SHOULD  
LIVE LONGER THAN MY FRIEND GEORGE BURNS. I  
WILL ISSUE AN ORDER -- TO GET RID OF ANY  
RULE WHOSE TIME HAS COME/ -- AND GONE.//

I SEE SOMETHING HAPPENING IN OUR TOWNS  
AND IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. SHARP LAWYERS ARE  
RUNNING WILD. DOCTORS ARE AFRAID TO  
PRACTICE MEDICINE, AND SOME MOMS AND DADS  
WON'T EVEN COACH LITTLE LEAGUE ANY MORE. WE  
MUST SUE EACH OTHER LESS -- AND CARE FOR  
\* EACH OTHER MORE //

I'M FIGHTING TO REFORM OUR LEGAL SYSTEM,  
TO PUT AN END TO CRAZY LAWSUITS. IF THAT  
MEANS CLIMBING INTO THE RING WITH THE TRIAL  
\* LAWYERS, WELL, LET ME JUST SAY, ROUND ONE  
STARTS TONIGHT.

AFTER ALL, MY OPPONENT'S CAMPAIGN IS  
BEING BACKED BY PRACTICALLY EVERY TRIAL  
~~AA~~ LAWYER WHO EVER WORE A TASSELLED LOAFER.  
HE'S NOT IN THE RING WITH THEM, HE'S IN THE  
TANK..//

THERE ARE OTHER THINGS WE NEED TO DO TO  
GET OUR ECONOMY UP TO SPEED -- AND PREPARE  
OUR KIDS FOR THE NEXT CENTURY.

WE MUST HAVE NEW INCENTIVES FOR  
RESEARCH, AND NEW TRAINING FOR WORKERS.  
SMALL BUSINESSES NEED CAPITAL AND CREDIT,  
AND DEFENSE WORKERS NEED NEW JOBS.

AND I HAVE A PLAN, TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE  
HEALTH CARE FOR EVERY AMERICAN, CONTROLLING  
COSTS BY CUTTING PAPERWORK AND LAWSUITS --  
AND EXPANDING COVERAGE TO THE POOREST OF THE  
POOR.//

WE DON'T NEED MY OPPONENT'S PLAN FOR A  
MASSIVE GOVERNMENT TAKE OVER OF HEALTH  
CARE -- WHICH WOULD RATION CARE AND DENY YOU  
\* THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE YOUR DOCTOR. WHO WANTS  
A HEALTH CARE SYSTEM WITH THE EFFICIENCY OF  
THE HOUSE POST OFFICE, AND THE COMPASSION OF  
\* THE K.G.B.?

WHAT ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS? MY OPPONENT AND I BOTH WANT TO CHANGE THE WAY OUR KIDS LEARN. HE WANTS TO CHANGE OUR SCHOOLS A LITTLE BIT -- I WANT TO CHANGE THEM A LOT.

TAKE THE ISSUE OF WHETHER PARENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO CHOOSE THE BEST SCHOOL FOR THEIR KIDS. MY OPPONENT SAYS THAT'S OKAY --AS LONG AS THE SCHOOL IS RUN BY GOVERNMENT. I SAY EVERY PARENT AND CHILD SHOULD HAVE A REAL CHOICE OF SCHOOLS -- PUBLIC, PRIVATE OR  
~~X~~ RELIGIOUS //

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SO WE HAVE A CLEAR CHOICE TO FIX OUR  
PROBLEMS. DO WE TURN TO THE TATTERED  
BLANKET OF BUREAUCRACY THAT OTHER NATIONS  
ARE TOSSING AWAY? OR DO WE GIVE OUR PEOPLE  
THE FREEDOM AND INCENTIVES TO BUILD SECURITY  
FOR THEMSELVES?

HERE'S WHAT I'M FIGHTING FOR.

-- OPEN MARKETS FOR AMERICAN PRODUCTS;

-- LOWER GOVERNMENT SPENDING,

-- TAX RELIEF,

-- OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL BUSINESS,

-- LEGAL AND HEALTH REFORM,

-- JOB TRAINING,

AND NEW SCHOOLS BUILT ON COMPETITION,

\* READY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY.

WHY / ARE / THESE / PROPOSALS NOT IN  
EFFECT TODAY?

ONLY ONE REASON -- THE GRIDLOCK

\* DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS.

NOW, I KNOW AMERICANS ARE TIRED OF THE  
BLAME GAME, TIRED OF PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON  
ACTING LIKE THEY ARE CANDIDATES FOR THE NEXT  
EPISODE OF AMERICAN GLADIATORS.//

I DON'T LIKE IT EITHER. NEITHER SHOULD  
YOU. BUT THE / TRUTH / IS/ THE TRUTH/. OUR  
POLICIES HAVEN'T FAILED, THEY HAVEN'T BEEN  
~~\*~~ TRIED.//

AMERICANS WANT JOBS. ON JANUARY 28TH,  
I PUT BEFORE CONGRESS A PLAN TO CREATE JOBS.  
IF IT HAD BEEN PASSED BACK THEN, 500,000  
MORE AMERICANS WOULD BE AT WORK RIGHT NOW.  
BUT IN A NATION THAT DEMANDS ACTION --  
CONGRESS HAS BECOME THE MASTER OF INACTION.

IT WASN'T ALWAYS THIS WAY. I SERVED IN  
CONGRESS 22 YEARS AGO. BACK THEN, WE  
COOPERATED, WE DIDN'T GET PERSONAL, WE PUT  
THE PEOPLE ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE. [HECK, WE  
DIDN'T EVEN OWN BLOWDRIERS BACK THEN.]

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AT MY FIRST INAUGURATION -- I SAID THAT  
PEOPLE DIDN'T SEND US TO BICKER. I EXTENDED  
MY HAND TO THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS. AND THEY

~~X~~ BIT IT.

THE HOUSE LEADERSHIP HAS NOT CHANGED IN  
38 YEARS. IT IS A BODY CAUGHT IN A  
HOPELESSLY TANGLED WEB OF PAC'S, PERKS,  
~~X~~ PRIVILEGES, PARTISANSHIP, AND PARALYSIS.//  
EVERY DAY, CONGRESS PUTS POLITICS AHEAD OF  
PRINCIPLE, AND ABOVE PROGRESS.

LET ME GIVE YOU JUST ONE EXAMPLE.  
FEBRUARY 20, 1991. IT WAS THE HEIGHT OF THE  
GULF WAR./ ON THAT VERY SAME DAY,/ I ASKED  
AMERICAN PILOTS TO RISK THEIR LIVES TO FLY  
MISSIONS OVER BAGHDAD. I ALSO WANTED TO  
STRENGTHEN OUR ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR THE  
FUTURE. SO THAT SAME DAY, I INTRODUCED A  
NEW DOMESTIC ENERGY STRATEGY WHICH WOULD CUT  
OUR DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL BY 7 MILLION  
BARRELS A DAY.

HOW MANY DAYS DID IT TAKE TO WIN THE  
GULF WAR? 43. HOW MANY DAYS HAS IT TAKEN  
CONGRESS TO PASS A NATIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY?  
FIVE / HUNDRED / AND / THIRTY-TWO -- AND /  
~~STILL / COUNTING.//~~

(I'VE RIDDEN STATIONARY BIKES THAT CAN  
MOVE FARTHER, FASTER -- THAN THE U.S.

~~\*~~ CONGRESS)

WHERE'S MY OPPONENT STAND WITH CONGRESS?  
WELL, UP IN NEW YORK AT THEIR CONVENTION,  
THEY KEPT THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AWAY  
FROM THE PODIUM -- HID THEM AWAY.

THEY DIDN'T WANT AMERICA TO HEAR FROM  
THE PEOPLE WHO REALLY MAKE THE DECISIONS.

THEY HID THEM FOR A VERY GOOD REASON -  
- BECAUSE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD  
RECOGNIZE A DANGEROUS COMBINATION: A RUBBER  
CHECK CONGRESS// -- AND A RUBBER STAMP  
\* PRESIDENT.//

GOVERNOR CLINTON AND CONGRESS KNOW THAT  
YOU'VE CAUGHT ON TO THEIR LINGO. THEY KNOW  
WHEN THEY SAY "SPENDING," YOU SAY -- "OH,  
OH." SO NOW THEY HAVE A NEW WORD --  
"INVESTMENT." THEY WANT TO "INVEST" \$220  
BILLION MORE OF YOUR MONEY -- BUT I WANT YOU  
\* TO KEEP IT./

GOVERNOR CLINTON AND CONGRESS WANT TO  
PUT THROUGH THE LARGEST TAX INCREASE IN  
HISTORY -- BUT I WON'T LET IT HAPPEN.

GOVERNOR CLINTON AND CONGRESS DON'T WANT  
KIDS TO HAVE THE OPTION OF PRAYING IN SCHOOL  
\*-- BUT I DO. CLINTON AND CONGRESS DON'T  
WANT TO CLOSE LEGAL LOOPHOLES AND KEEP  
\*CRIMINALS BEHIND BARS -- BUT I WILL.  
CLINTON AND CONGRESS WILL STOCK THE  
JUDICIARY WITH LIBERAL JUDGES WHO WRITE LAWS  
THEY CAN'T GET APPROVED BY THE VOTERS.

~~Boo!~~

GOVERNOR CLINTON / EVEN SAYS THAT MARIO CUOMO BELONGS ON THE SUPREME COURT. IF YOU BELIEVE IN JUDICIAL RESTRAINT, YOU PROBABLY OUGHT TO BE HAPPY. AFTER ALL, THE GOOD GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK CAN'T MAKE UP HIS MIND BETWEEN CHOCOLATE AND VANILLA AT BASKIN ROBBINS./ WE WON'T HAVE ANOTHER COURT DECISION FOR 35 YEARS. //



ARE MY OPPONENT AND CONGRESS REALLY IN CAHOOTS? LOOK AT ONE IMPORTANT QUESTION -- SHOULD WE LIMIT THE TERMS OF CONGRESS? GOVERNOR CLINTON SAYS "NO." CONGRESS SAYS

\* NO. / I SAY: "YES".

WE TRIED THIS ONCE BEFORE, COMBINING THE  
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR OF A SMALL SOUTHERN  
STATE, WITH A VERY LIBERAL VICE PRESIDENT,  
AND A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS. AMERICA DOESN'T  
\* NEED: CARTER II."//

WE DON'T WANT TO TAKE AMERICA BACK TO  
THOSE DAYS OF MALAISE. BUT AMERICANS WANT  
TO KNOW -- WHERE'S PROOF THAT WE WILL HAVE  
BETTER DAYS IN WASHINGTON?

I'LL GIVE YOU 150 REASONS./ THAT'S HOW  
MANY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE EXPECTED TO  
LEAVE WASHINGTON THIS YEAR. SOME ARE  
TAINTED BY SCANDAL -- THE VOTERS HAVE  
BOUNCED THEM THE WAY THEY BOUNCED THEIR OWN  
CHECKS. BUT OTHERS ARE GOOD MEMBERS.  
REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRAT. THEY AGREE WITH  
ME. THE PLACE JUST DOESN'T WORK ANYMORE.

150 NEW MEMBERS -- FROM BOTH PARTIES --  
WILL BE COMING TO WASHINGTON THIS FALL.  
EVERY ONE WILL HAVE A FRESH VIEW OF  
AMERICA'S FUTURE.

I PLEDGE TODAY TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS ELECTION, I WILL MEET  
WITH EVERY ONE OF THESE NEW MEMBERS --  
BEFORE THEY GET ATTACKED BY THE PAC'S,  
OVERWHELMED BY THEIR STAFFS, AND CORNERED BY  
\* A CAMERA CREW. AND I WILL LAY OUT MY CASE -  
- OUR CASE -- FOR CHANGE. CHANGE THAT  
MATTERS, REAL CHANGE THAT MAKES A  
DIFFERENCE. CHANGE THAT IS RIGHT FOR  
AMERICA.

YOU SEE, THERE IS A YEARNING IN AMERICA  
-- A FEELING THAT / MAYBE / ITS TIME TO GET  
BACK TO OUR ROOTS.

SURE WE MUST CHANGE, BUT SOME VALUES ARE  
TIMELESS. I BELIEVE IN FAMILIES THAT STICK  
TOGETHER, / AND FATHERS WHO STICK AROUND. //  
I HAPPEN TO BELIEVE VERY DEEPLY IN THE WORTH  
OF EACH INDIVIDUAL HUMAN BEING, BORN OR  
\* UNBORN. // I BELIEVE IN TEACHING OUR KIDS  
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT'S WRONG AND  
WHAT'S RIGHT, / TEACHING THEM RESPECT FOR  
HARD WORK AND TO LOVE THEIR NEIGHBORS. / AND  
I BELIEVE THAT AMERICA WILL ALWAYS HAVE A  
SPECIAL PLACE IN GOD'S HEART, AS LONG AS HE  
HAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN OURS. AND MAYBE  
\* THAT'S WHY I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED / THAT  
PATRIOTISM IS NOT JUST ANOTHER POINT OF  
VIEW. //

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THERE ARE TIMES IN EVERY YOUNG PERSON'S  
LIFE, WHEN GOD INTRODUCES YOU TO YOURSELF.  
I REMEMBER SUCH A TIME. IT WAS BACK MANY  
YEARS AGO, / WHEN I STOOD WATCH AT 4 A.M. UP  
ON THE BRIDGE OF THE U.S.S. FINBACK. I  
WOULD STAND THERE AND LOOK OUT ON THE  
BLACKNESS OF THE SKY -- BROKEN ONLY BY THE  
SPARKLING STARS ABOVE. / I WOULD THINK ABOUT  
FRIENDS I LOST // A COUNTRY I LOVED // AND /  
ABOUT A GIRL NAMED BARBARA. // I REMEMBER  
THOSE NIGHTS AS CLEARLY AS ANY IN MY LIFE.

YOU KNOW, YOU CAN SEE THINGS FROM UP  
THERE THAT OTHER PEOPLE DON'T SEE. YOU CAN  
SEE STORM CLOUDS RISE AND THEN DISAPPEAR.  
THE FIRST HINT OF THE SUN OVER THE HORIZON -  
- AND THE FIRST OUTLINE OF THE SHORE  
FARAWAY.

NOW, I KNOW AMERICANS ARE UNEASY TODAY -  
- THERE IS ANXIOUS TALK AROUND OUR KITCHEN  
TABLES. BUT FROM WHERE I STAND, I SEE NOT  
AMERICA'S SUNSET, BUT A SUNRISE.

THE WORLD CHANGES FOR WHICH WE'VE  
SACRIFICED FOR A GENERATION, HAVE FINALLY  
COME TO PASS -- AND WITH THEM A RARE AND  
UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY -- TO PASS THE  
SWEET CUP OF PROSPERITY AROUND OUR AMERICAN  
TABLE.

ARE WE UP TO IT? I KNOW WE ARE. AS I TRAVEL OUR LAND, I MEET VETERANS WHO ONCE WORKED THE TURRETS OF A TANK, AND CAN NOW MASTER THE KEYBOARDS OF A HIGH-TECH ECONOMY. I SEE TEACHERS, BLESSED WITH THE INCREDIBLE AMERICAN CAPACITY FOR INNOVATION, / WHO ARE TEACHING OUR CHILDREN A NEW WAY TO LEARN -- FOR A NEW CENTURY. / I MEET PARENTS, SOME WORKING TWO JOBS WITH HECTIC SCHEDULES, WHO STILL FIND NEW WAYS TO TEACH OLD VALUES TO STEADY THEIR KIDS IN A TURBULENT WORLD.

I TAKE HEART/ FROM WHAT IS HAPPENING IN  
AMERICA,/ NOT FROM THOSE WHO PROFESS A NEW  
PASSION FOR GOVERNMENT, BUT FROM THOSE WITH  
AN OLD AND ENDURING FAITH IN HUMAN  
POTENTIAL. THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND THAT THE  
GENIUS OF AMERICA IS OUR CAPACITY FOR  
REBIRTH AND RENEWAL./ AMERICA IS THE LAND  
WHERE THE SUN IS ALWAYS PEEKING OVER THE  
HORIZON.

TONIGHT I APPEAL TO THAT UNYIELDING,  
UNDYING, / UNDENIABLE/ AMERICAN SPIRIT. I  
ASK YOU TO CONSIDER -- NOW THAT THE ENTIRE  
WORLD IS MOVING OUR WAY, WHY WOULD WE WANT  
TO GO BACK THEIR WAY? I ASK NOT JUST FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT FOR MY AGENDA, BUT FOR YOUR  
COMMITMENT TO RENEW AND REBUILD OUR NATION -  
- BY SHAKING UP THE ONE INSTITUTION THAT HAS  
WITHSTOOD CHANGE FOR OVER FOUR DECADES.



JOIN ME IN ROLLING AWAY THE ROADBLOCK AT  
THE OTHER END OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, SO  
THAT IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, WE WILL MATCH  
OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OUTSIDE, BY BUILDING A  
STRONGER, SAFER, MORE SECURE AMERICA INSIDE.

FORTY-FOUR YEARS AGO -- IN ANOTHER AGE  
OF UNCERTAINTY -- A DIFFERENT PRESIDENT  
EMBARKED ON A SIMILAR MISSION. HIS NAME WAS  
HARRY S. TRUMAN.

AS HE STOOD BEFORE HIS PARTY TO ACCEPT  
THEIR NOMINATION, HARRY TRUMAN KNEW THE  
FREEDOM I KNOW THIS EVENING -- THE FREEDOM  
TO TALK ABOUT WHAT'S RIGHT FOR AMERICA, AND  
LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY.

HARRY TRUMAN SAID, "THIS IS MORE THAN A  
POLITICAL CALL TO ARMS. GIVE ME YOUR HELP,  
NOT TO WIN VOTES ALONE, BUT TO WIN THIS NEW  
CRUSADE AND KEEP AMERICA SAFE AND SECURE FOR  
ITS OWN PEOPLE.

TONIGHT I SAY TO YOU -- JOIN ME IN OUR  
NEW CRUSADE -- TO REAP THE REWARDS OF OUR  
GLOBAL VICTORY -- TO WIN THE PEACE -- SO  
THAT WE MAY MAKE AMERICA SAFER AND STRONGER  
-- FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE.

GOD BLESS YOU, AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA.

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