

Originally Processed With FOIA(s):

S

FOIA Number:

S

# FOIA MARKER

**This is not a textual record. This is used as an administrative marker by the George Bush Presidential Library Staff.**

---

**Record Group/Collection:** George H.W. Bush Presidential Records  
**Collection/Office of Origin:** Speechwriting, White House Office of  
**Series:** Speech File Draft Files  
**Subseries:** Chron File, 1989-1993

---

**OA/ID Number:** 13636  
**Folder ID Number:** 13636-001

---

**Folder Title:**  
RNC Meeting-Houston 8/21/92 [OA 5811]

---

---

Stack:	Row:	Section:	Shelf:	Position:
<b>G</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>

---

~~MASTER~~

(Grossman)  
August 17, 1992  
Draft One  
RNC

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RNC MEETING  
HYATT REGENCY  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1992

NO  
This is  
terrible  
doesn't  
do anything  
for anything  
& isn't  
worthy  
of a  
President.  
Susan  
Porter Rose  
otherwise  
fine.

I love  
you, too.  
-JAC

Cool Jets (Rich Bond) I have only one thing to say to you:  
Fire your engines. \\ [Acknowledgements]

Now most of you probably don't know this, but Rich's  
favorite movie is a film called "Repo Man." I'm told it's about  
a guy who repossesses -- or "reposes" -- delinquent merchandise.  
Well starting today...the repo men and women of the RNC have but  
one mission: It's time to Repo the Big 'Mo. \\ *forget! "the Big Mo" please!*  
*Big 'Mo is associated with*

NO  
"please!"  
with

For months the other side has tried to define us. When we  
cried foul...called a spade a spade...the Clinton camp demanded a  
retraction. They want us to take things back...and we will: the  
lead \ the voters \ the victory. \\ This has been an historic  
convention....for the Republicans, it is the end of the  
beginning. For the Democrats, it is the beginning of the end. \\

I want to thank everyone responsible for making this  
convention a success. Part of the reason our convention was a  
success is that Republicans have got nothing to hide. Remember  
the Democratic convention? The great leaders of their  
party...the Democratic leadership of the House...the Democratic  
leadership of the Senate...they were nowhere to be seen. They  
must have kept them locked behind closed doors.....Kind of gives  
a whole new meaning to the term "closet liberal."

Last night I laid my cards on the table. I told the American people where I come from...where I stand...and where I'm headed. And I asked them to come along. ~~So here's my heartbeat.~~ <sup>NO</sup> <sup>Porter</sup>

The world is a freer place than it was four years ago. We have won the Cold War...and now we must ~~wage~~ <sup>guide</sup> <sup>Porter</sup> <sup>NO</sup> the peace. ~~And I'm~~ <sup>Porter</sup> the right man for the job. And if the Democrats are finished borrowing it <sup>FROM THEIR CONVENTION (JAG) YES</sup>...I'd like my language back: We've changed the world...now we can change America. <sup>Good, but will be lost on audience without some more explanation NIS</sup>

<sup>NO</sup> <sup>Porter</sup> I believe that the ~~things~~ <sup>principles</sup> <sup>Porter</sup> <sup>NO</sup> that must guide change are the ~~things~~ <sup>Principles</sup> that must never change. I believe that government must return to its limits....to do the right things...and do things right. Government must act to help families...not replace them. Whether it's childcare...or school choice...or the transmission of values -- Mom and Dad know better than Uncle Sam. \\  
<sup>NO</sup> <sup>Porter</sup> <sup>Principles</sup>

Someone once said that "all the ills of democracy can be cured by more democracy." I believe in bringing more democracy - more choice to the American people. Whether it's something as complex as health care -- or as simple spending your own tax dollars. The bottom line is that they call for change...but we are the change.

They speak of the Democratic Revolution of '92. Well, they're right about one thing: there is a revolution going on. But they didn't start it. ~~It kind of reminds~~ <sup>THEY (JAG) YES</sup> me of the old con man's advice to the new con man in town. He said: "Son....if you're bein' run outta town, just get in front and make it look like a parade."

But don't let them fool you. On defense matters...don't be fooled by sheep in wolves clothing. Don't let them tell you that patriotism depends on your point of view. Don't be fooled by copy-cat covenants. On taxes...they talk of tax fairness....but America, don't let that tax fool you....and don't let that fool tax you. Their economic plan? Well, Barbara brought a copy of it down to Houston for a little bedtime reading....She says she loves a good mystery.

But I want to be fair. I truly believe that Bill Clinton will be remembered as the Comeback Kid of 1992. When we leave him in the dust, he's going to be stuck in the middle of the road calling: "Come back....come back."

Now I'm going to give it to you straight...victory in November will require a lot of hard work...a lot of long hours.

No one ever promised me a bed of roses...but I didn't exactly count on this crown of thorns. Some have asked me, "Mr. President, why do you want to run?" That's a fair question, and I think a good one. I've got a great family...I've got my health...I've got the best friends in the world. ((And don't forget -- I've got my fishing)).

Now this might be old fashioned, but I am running for the same reason many summers ago, I scolded George Junior for walking off an oil rig to spend time with his sweetheart: You finish what you start. I'll be frank...I didn't grow up pining for the presidency. But I made a commitment to my employer, the American people, to build a better country, to take it forward, to prepare it for the challenges ahead. I'm not walking off the job. I will

NO  
I would delete this metaphor.  
Gray

self defeating again! But good symbolism  
NSC

NO  
line through  
Porter

W. NSC YES

NO

Really? I know you are trying to distinguish POTUS from Clinton - isn't there a better way  
NSC

with your help, NO  
I will  
NSC

finish what I started!

NIC



**Remarks to the Republican National Committee in Houston, Texas**  
*August 21, 1992*

I think the Republican National Committee, under Rich Bond and Jeanie Austin's leadership, put on the best convention that we've ever had. It was first-class. Bill Harris was to be here. But Craig Fuller and so many others were intimately involved in all of this. It was a complex organizing job. It was done in a wonderfully imaginative way. I think that the convention gives us now a great lift as we take the battle to the opposition, but more importantly, take this positive message to the American people. I first wanted to come over here and say thanks. No longer will we tell Rich to cool his jets. We'll simply suggest that he keep doing what he's doing.

Let me just mention another item of business which I hope you all agree with me on, and that is I've recommended, as you know, Sam Skinner to be general chairman, the same role that Paul Laxalt had. We thought long and hard about that, but Sam has earned my confidence through superior performance, not just in the trenches politically where he and I have been shoulder to shoulder for a long, long time, out in Illinois particularly, but more recently as Secretary of Transportation. One of the major accomplishments of this administration, and you're going to hear more and more about this as the campaign goes on, is an innovative, creative, job-creating national transportation bill. No one deserves more credit for that major national accomplishment than Sam Skinner.

So when Jim Baker came back, I wanted to keep Sam suited up, out front, working for the cause. He and Rich will do a superb job there at the committee. He is good, and I know he's most enjoyable to work with, so I strongly recommend that.

Barbara and I just came from another event. When I saw what our local law en-

forcement people went through at this convention to keep the peace and to give everybody their rights, and I mean those that were inside the hall as well as those out, we decided that we wanted to go over and thank the police officers. So we went over there just now, had a representation of the full 3,000 police officers that serve this city that Barbara and I love so much.

As I was walking down the rope line, one of the press reporters inquired, "Well, what about the tax plan?" I said, "Well, it's fairly simple." You see, I do believe, as I said last night, that the Government is taxing too much and spending too much. So I mentioned something like that. I said, "Well, it's a very easy plan. What you do is you tax people less, and the Government spends less." "Well, how is it going to work?" And I said, "Well, it's going to work because it benefits the taxpayer." There was a follow-on question, as always happens, and as police officers standing there, certainly not the highest tax brackets of all, were saying, "Hey, we're taxpayers. We're taxpayers. It will help us."

I think that we've got a good message now to take to the American people. It's been there one way or another. I thought when Dan Quayle put it in perspective in what I felt was an outstanding speech by him last night, incidentally. I was sitting behind the podium, and I watched the reaction of various people in the audience that they focused in on. Not just that part of his speech but the whole thing resonated very well, indeed.

We came down here to Houston with more dire predictions, more gloom-and-doom negativism than I've ever seen in my long, long time in the political arena or, indeed, the private arena. I think, first, thanks to the work of the organizers of the convention, then thanks to the speeches and the presentations at the forums of so many of our party leaders and so many just plain grassroots Republicans, a lot of that is turning around.

nations—Continued  
assador to Peru—153

ent for  
199  
ent for Policy

ent for Political

o the President—

-nation trade status  
1516  
ns of members of the  
g Commission,

historical Park  
ement—1515

ress  
er Yugoslavia to the  
Preferences, letter—

orting—1518

**ral Agencies**

nization of African  
1510  
Africa,

the former  
im—1509  
ffected by Hurricane  
—1518

ministrative Committee of the  
President (37 FR 23607;

e Superintendent of Docu-  
e, Washington, DC 20402.  
dential Documents will be  
scribers for \$55.00 per year  
l to foreign subscribers for  
erintendent of Documents,  
shington, DC 20402. The  
(\$2.50 for foreign mailing  
e republication of materi-  
ation of Presidential Docu-

Now we've got—I've got a big job on my shoulders; Barbara does; Dan and Marilyn do. But I just want to say one thing: I really am ready for this challenge. We've got so much at stake. As I tried to say last night, it isn't just a question of my winning an election. That really is coincidental to who can do the best job for the country. We're going to take this out there to the American people not just on the financial issues but on the questions of values. And then, in the final analysis, as I touched on last night, it's going to be a question of trust.

I, for 6 months, have been letting Bill Clinton define me, erroneously, I might add, to the American people. Perhaps I miscalculated, because I said, look, it's more important to try and get something done. It's more important to keep working with Congress to get some incentives that will put people back to work or to pass a strong anticrime bill or to get our energy bill that we talked about last night out or to try to make some steps on passing our health care reform bill. I really felt that it was more important to get that done.

The Congress stalled and did nothing. So, as I told you last night, I'm going to link the Gore-Clinton, G-C, to the gridlocked Congress. G-C, put them right together. Put them right in there, and don't let them come apart.

The reason it will work is because it's true. It's true. The American people, if they don't understand it yet, will understand it when I get through, because it's factual. It is accurate. That one institution, the House of Representatives, that hasn't changed for 38 years, is now going to have not just a one-way street, which they've been pounding me on, every one of those leaders up there. I'm going to take it to them. And I'll go into a congressional district, and I'll do exactly what Harry Truman did. I'll go into a congressional district, and I'll say, "You have the worst Congressman that you know. You think he's a nice guy, but he's terrible because here's what he's doing on a crime bill or energy or education, health reform, or whatever it is." We're going to single them out because they, each one of those liberal Democrats in Congress, have been singling me out and singling the Vice President out for the last 3½

years and smiling when I go up there to the Congress.

They say Clinton has a good reaction squad. We're going to give him plenty to react to, every single minute. Let them try to sever that umbilical cord. Let them sever the umbilical cord between the people that are blocking legal reform: Congress, Bill Clinton, and Gore. Let them try to sever it. They're not going to be able to do it because they can't.

The American people don't yet have that in focus. When we're through with the next 70-some days or whatever it is, I guarantee you they will. Then in the final analysis, as I say, I think that people are going to go into that voting booth, and I hope that they're going to say that this President has upheld the public trust. I hope they're going to say, "Look, we may not agree on this issue or that. He might have done a better job on this phase of our agenda or that, but he has demonstrated that he has our trust. He has treated the White House and the Presidency with a certain respect and dignity. He has had a clean administration, free of scandal, and he stands with us on these fundamental values." And that's what I want the people to say.

And if we are—well, put it this way, when we are successful, we'll be accompanied by a lot of new people to town, these new Congressmen. It's going to happen anyway. We'll get out, and we'll try again. We'll say, you've been out to the American people and you've been elected, and you wouldn't have been elected if you didn't listen to them this year, because this is a strange political year. And I wouldn't be standing here now with 4 more years to go if I hadn't listened to the American people and touched a chord representing what they believe.

So let's try again to get something done for every family in America. I know it will work. It will work especially if all of you, whatever organizations you represent, whether it's the RNC or Jones' marvelous group in the Federation or the Young Republicans or the College Republicans, the State parties which are so vital. We have the State leadership here, of course, members of the RNC. If we bring all of this together,

go up there to the

a good reaction  
ve him plenty to  
ite. Let them try  
l. Let them sever  
n the people that  
: Congress, Bill  
m try to sever it.  
e to do it because

on't yet have that  
gh with the next  
it is, I guarantee  
final analysis, as  
are going to go  
hope that they re  
ident has upheld  
y're going to say,  
on this issue or  
a better job on  
that, but he has  
our trust. He has  
ad the Presidency  
dignity. He has  
free of scandal,  
ese fundamental  
want the people

it this way, when  
accompanied by  
these new Con-  
en anyway. We'll  
We'll say, you've  
eople and you've  
uldn't have been  
o them this year,  
olitical year. And  
now with 4 more  
ed to the Amer-  
chord represent-

something done  
a. I know it will  
ily if all of you,  
you represent,  
ones' marvelous  
the Young Re-  
Republicans, the  
tal. We have the  
rse, members of  
of this together,

under Rich Bond and Jeanie Austin's able leadership, I know we can get the job done.  
Thank you all very, very much for what you're doing.

*Note: The President spoke at 8:05 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to Rich Bond, chairman, and Jeanie Austin, cochairman, Republican National Committee; William D. Harris, convention manager; Craig Fuller, Bush-Quayle convention chairman; and Paul Laxalt, former general chairman, Republican National Committee. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.*

**Remarks at a Bush-Quayle Rally in Gulfport, Mississippi**  
August 21, 1992

**The President.** Wow. Thank you very, very much. This is good for the soul.

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

**The President.** Thank you, thank you. Thank you so very much. Thank you for this warm Mississippi welcome. It is great to be back in Gulfport, great to be back in Fordice, Lott, Cochran, and Bush-Quayle country. Thank you very, very much.

This is our first stop after Houston, the first step into the future. We're here to kick off a crusade to bring back values and to build a stronger, more secure America.

We're grateful to be here with your Mayor and our Lieutenant Governor, Eddie Briggs. And may I single out my dear friend, a man of real values, a man of real talent, Ricky Scaggs.

You talk about southern hospitality, let me thank all the Republican leadership, those who greeted us on the ground, all of you who worked on this fantastic rally, and those who came with me on Air Force One. This is, as I say, our first step out of Houston, on to the election. I am delighted to be back here in this place which has sound family values, great tradition, and believes in a strong America.

I understand that since my last visit, Biloxi is something of the Monte Carlo of the gulf coast. Well, my pastor may be listening, so I want to say I never was much of a gambler. But let me offer a little sporting advice. Don't bet against us in November. We are going to win this election.

Now, let me put something in perspective. You've been reading about some of these crazy reports about my health. Well, let me say I am blessed with good health, blessed with good health. Last night I laid out an agenda for America, and the reaction has been very positive. If those overnight polls are any barometer, the American people agree with me that I do look better in my jogging shorts than Bill Clinton.

You know, we answered some questions for the American people, and one of them is, "Well, why spend any time anymore on foreign policy?" Well, remember the days when some of these schoolchildren, or when some of you all were schoolchildren, hiding under the desks in drills to prepare for nuclear war. Well, I saw a chance to rid our children of dreams of the nuclear nightmare. I did it, with the help of many others before me.

Seriously, do you know that over the past 4 years, more people have breathed the fresh air of freedom than in all of human history? We saw a chance to help, and we did it. And understand something: These were the two defining opportunities, not of a year, not of a decade but of an entire span of human history. We can all take great pride in that.

And yes, now that we have made the world safer and more secure, it's time to build a safer and more secure America. Here in Gulfport, you understand how the world has become linked, interconnected. The challenge before America today is to bring together foreign policy, economic policy, and national security policy to make a difference in your home.

So this election isn't simply, as the opposition, as that new twin ticket says, simply about change. It's about who do you trust to make the change work for you. That is the question.

And our opponents, my opponent is—  
**Audience members.** George Bush! George Bush! George Bush!

RM 439

**WHITE HOUSE  
SITUATION ROOM**

92 AUG 18 12:37

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE  
PRIORITY  
 ROUTINE

RELEASER: L. J. P.DTG: 172335Z

MESSAGE NO.	39	CLASSIFICATION	UNCLASSIFIED	PAGES	4
FROM	Sharon Wagner	/The White House	2702		
	(Name)	(Phone Number)	(Room No.)		
MESSAGE DESCRIPTION					
TO (Agency)	DELIVER TO:	DEPT/ROOM NO.	PHONE NUMBER		
Houston	Dacia Willis for the Vice President's Staff Office/Marriott		Secretary's		
"	Samuel K. Skinner				
"	Florence Gantt for General Scowcroft				
"	Richard Darman				
"	Beth Thompson for Phil Brady				
"	Nick Calio				
"	David Demarest				
"	Marlin Fitzwater				
"	Boyden Gray				
"	Ede Holiday				
"	Tim McBride				
"	Henson Moore				
"	Roger Porter				
"	Steve Provost				
"	Dorrance Smith				
"	Clayton Yeutter				
"	Cam Findlav				
"	Ron Kaufman				
"	Susan Porter Rose				
<p>Attached, as staffed for comments, are the President's remarks for the RNC Meeting on Friday.</p> <p>Comments due at Noon on Tuesday.</p>					

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 08/17/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: Noon 08/18/92

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RNC MEETING/HOUSTON, Tx/Friday 8/21

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HORNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SKINNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MCBRIDE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SCOWCROFT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOORE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DARMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PETERSMEYER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BRADY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PORTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BROMLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROVOST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CALIO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SMITH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEMAREST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	YEUTTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FITZWATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FINDLAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GRAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KAUFMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOLIDAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MCGROARTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			PORTER ROSE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**REMARKS:**

Please provide any comments directly to Dan McGroarty NO LATER THAN NOON ON TUESDAY, 08/18, with a copy to this office.  
Thanks.

**RESPONSE:**

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

(Grossman)  
August 17, 1992  
Draft One  
RNC

8/17 P6:21  
PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS:

RNC MEETING  
HYATT REGENCY  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1992

Cool Jets (Rich Bond) I have only one thing to say to you:  
Fire your engines. \ \ [Acknowledgements]

Now most of you probably don't know this, but Rich's  
favorite movie is a film called "Repo Man." I'm told it's about  
a guy who repossesses -- or "reposes" -- delinquent merchandise.  
Well starting today...the repo men and women of the RNC have but  
one mission: It's time to Repo the Big 'Mo. \ \

For months the other side has tried to define us. When we  
cried foul...called a spade a spade...the Clinton camp demanded a  
retraction. They want us to take things back...and we will: the  
lead \ the voters \ the victory. \ \ This has been an historic  
convention...for the Republicans, it is the end of the  
beginning. For the Democrats, it is the beginning of the end.

I want to thank everyone responsible for making this  
convention a success. Part of the reason our convention was a  
success is that Republicans have got nothing to hide. Remember  
the Democratic convention? The great leaders of their  
party...the Democratic leadership of the House...the Democratic  
leadership of the Senate...they were nowhere to be seen. They  
must have kept them locked behind closed doors.....Kind of gives  
a whole new meaning to the term "closet liberal."

*Handwritten notes:*  
is  
wreck  
do  
anything  
for  
anything  
isnt  
worthy  
of a  
President.  
Susan  
Porter  
Rose  
Attorney  
Fine.

Last night I laid my cards on the table. I told the American people where I come from...where I stand...and where I'm headed. And I asked them to come along. So here's my heartbeat.

The world is a freer place than it was four years ago. We have won the Cold War...and now we must wage the peace. And I'm the right man for the job. And if the Democrats are finished borrowing it...I'd like my language back: We've changed the world...now we can change America.

I believe that the things that must guide change are the things that must never change. I believe that government must return to its limits...to do the right things...and do things right. Government must act to help families...not replace them. Whether it's childcare...or school choice...or the transmission of values -- Mom and Dad know better than Uncle Sam. \\

Someone once said that "all the ills of democracy can be cured by more democracy." I believe in bringing more democracy - more choice to the American people. Whether it's something as complex as health care -- or as simple spending your own tax dollars. The bottom line is that they call for change...but we are the change.

They speak of the Democratic Revolution of '92. Well, they're right about one thing: there is a revolution going on. But they didn't start it. It kind of reminds me of the old con man's advice to the new con man in town. He said: "Son....if you're bein' run outta town, just get in front and make it look like a parade."

But don't let them fool you. On defense matters...don't be fooled by sheep in wolves clothing. Don't let them tell you that patriotism depends on your point of view. Don't be fooled by copy-cat covenants. On taxes...they talk of tax fairness....but America, don't let that tax fool you....and don't let that fool tax you. Their economic plan? Well, Barbara brought a copy of it down to Houston for a little bedtime reading....She says she loves a good mystery.

But I want to be fair. I truly believe that Bill Clinton will be remembered as the Comeback Kid of 1992. When we leave him in the dust, he's going to be stuck in the middle of the road calling: "Come back....come back."

Now I'm going to give it to you straight...victory in November will require a lot of hard work...a lot of long hours. No one ever promised me a bed of roses...but I didn't exactly count on this crown of thorns. Some have asked me, "Mr. President, why do you want to run?" That's a fair question, and I think a good one. I've got a great family...I've got my health...I've got the best friends in the world. ((And don't forget -- I've got my fishing)).

Now this might be old fashioned, but I am running for the same reason many summers ago, I scolded George Junior for walking off an oil rig to spend time with his sweetheart: You finish what you start. I'll be frank...I didn't grow up pining for the presidency. But I made a commitment to my employer, the American people, to build a better country, to take it forward, to prepare it for the challenges ahead. I'm not walking off the job. I finish what I start.



OFFICE OF  
 PRESIDENTIAL ADVANCE  
**COVER PAGE**

TO: Jennifer Grossman

FROM: Susan Porter Rose

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES: 6  
*(including this cover page)*

DATE: 8/18

TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

MESSAGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS WITH THIS TRANSMISSION PLEASE CALL:

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 8/19/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RNC MEETING/HOUSTON, TX  
FRIDAY, 8/21

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HORNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SKINNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MCBRIDE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SCOWCROFT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MOORE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DARMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PETERSMEYER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BRADY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PORTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BROMLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROVOST	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CALIO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SMITH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DEMAREST	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YEUTTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FITZWATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FINDLAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GRAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KAUFMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HOLIDAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MCGROARTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			PORTER ROSE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**REMARKS:**

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

**RESPONSE:**

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

2 AUG 19 P5:26

August 19, 1992

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: STEVE PROVOST  
FROM: JENNIFER GROSSMAN  
SUBJECT: RNC MEETING

On Friday, August 21st, at 8:30 a.m., you will deliver remarks (six minutes/cards) to approximately 200 RNC members and guests at the Hyatt Regency. Your remarks are meant to rally the troops for the fight ahead.

Note: Chairman Bond introduces you for your remarks. The "Cool Jets" acknowledgement refers to an anecdote Bond might use in his remarks, about how he once told the First Lady to "Cool her jets" as she stood on a darkened Dubuque airstrip waiting to be picked up.

(Grossman)  
August 17, 1992  
Draft Two  
RNC

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RNC MEETING  
HYATT REGENCY  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1992

Cool Jets (Rich Bond) I have only one thing to say to you:  
Fire your engines. \\  
[Acknowledgements]

Let me say a few words about a friend -- about the man I'll  
be recommending to you as the next General Chairman of the  
Republican Party. Sam Skinner's been with me since my first run  
for the White House. He's served me well in the Cabinet and as  
Chief of Staff -- and I know he'll serve me ably with the RNC.

You know, when Sam was U.S. Attorney in Chicago, they used  
to call him "Sam the Hammer". When he was at Transportation, he  
was known as the "Master of Disaster". Well, when "Sam the  
Hammer" comes down on our opposition this fall, it will be  
disaster for the Democrats.

For months now, the other side has tried to define us. When  
we cried foul...called a spade a spade...the Clinton camp  
demanded a retraction. They want us to take things back...and we  
will: the lead \ the voters \ the victory. \\  
This has been an  
historic convention....for the Republicans, it is the end of the  
beginning. For the Democrats, it is the beginning of the end. \\

I want to thank everyone responsible for making this  
convention a success. Part of the reason our convention was a  
success is that Republicans have got nothing to hide. Remember  
the Democratic convention? The great leaders of their

party...the Democratic leadership of the House...the Democratic leadership of the Senate...they were nowhere to be seen. They must have kept them locked behind closed doors.....Kind of gives a whole new meaning to the term "closet liberal."

Last night I laid my cards on the table. I told the American people where I come from...where I stand...and where I'm headed. And I asked them to come along. So here's my heartbeat.

The world is a freer place than it was four years ago. We have won the Cold War...and now we must wage the peace. And I'm the right man for the job. And if the Democrats are finished borrowing it for their convention...I'd like my language back: We've changed the world...now we can change America.

I believe that the things that must guide change are the things that must never change. I believe that government must return to its limits....to do the right things...and do things right. Government must act to help families...not replace them. Whether it's childcare...or school choice...or the transmission of values -- Mom and Dad know better than Uncle Sam. \\

Someone once said that "all the ills of democracy can be cured by more democracy." I believe in bringing more democracy - more choice to the American people. Whether it's something as complex as health care -- or as simple spending your own tax dollars. The bottom line is that they call for change...but we are the change.

They speak of the Democratic Revolution of '92. Well, they're right about one thing: there is a revolution going on. But they didn't start it. It reminds me of the old con man's

advice to the new con man in town. He said: "Son....if you're bein' run outta town, just get in front and make it look like a parade."

But don't let them fool you. On defense matters...don't be fooled by sheep in wolves clothing. Don't let them tell you that patriotism depends on your point of view. Don't be fooled by copy-cat covenants. On taxes...they talk of tax fairness...but America, don't let that tax fool you....and don't let that fool tax you. Their economic plan? Well, Barbara brought a copy of it down to Houston for a little bedtime reading....She says she loves a good mystery.

Now I'm going to give it to you straight...victory in November will require a lot of hard work...a lot of long hours. But I truly believe we will make this one of the great come-from-behind wins in American history.

So where does that leave Bill Clinton -- the Comeback Kid? When we leave him in the dust, he's going to be stuck in the middle of the road calling: "Come back....come back."

Thank you all -- each and every one you involved in the Republican National Committee efforts -- for starting us on the road to victory, and may God bless this great nation, the United States of America.

# # #

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 18, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: STEVE PROVOST

FROM: JENNIFER GROSSMAN *JAG*

SUBJECT: RNC MEETING

On Friday, August 21st, at 8:30 a.m., you will deliver remarks (six minutes/cards) to approximately 200 RNC members and guests at the Hyatt Regency. Your remarks are meant to rally the troops for the fight ahead.

Note: Chairman Bond introduces you for your remarks. The "Cool Jets" acknowledgement refers to an anecdote Bond might use in his remarks, about how he once told the First Lady to "Cool her jets" as she stood on a darkened Dubuque airstrip waiting to be picked up.

**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 08/17/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: Noon 08/18/92

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RNC MEETING/HOUSTON, TX/Friday 8/21

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HORNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SKINNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MCBRIDE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SCOWCROFT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X MOORE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DARMAN <i>N/C</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PETERSMEYER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BRADY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PORTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BROMLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X PROVOST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CALIO <i>N/C</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SMITH <i>N/C</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEMAREST <i>N/C</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	YEUTTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FITZWATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FINDLAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GRAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KAUFMAN <i>N/C</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOLIDAY <i>N/C</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MCGROARTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			PORTER ROSE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

REMARKS: Please provide any comments directly to Dan McGroarty NO LATER THAN NOON ON TUESDAY, 08/18, with a copy to this office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:  
*Called 11:00*  
*12:00*

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

(Grossman)  
August 17, 1992  
Draft One  
RNC

2 AUG 17 PG: 21  
PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS:

RNC MEETING  
HYATT REGENCY  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1992

Cool Jets (Rich Bond) I have only one thing to say to you:  
Fire your engines. \\ [Acknowledgements]

Now most of you probably don't know this, but Rich's favorite movie is a film called "Repo Man." I'm told it's about a guy who repossesses -- or "reposes" -- delinquent merchandise. Well starting today...the repo men and women of the RNC have but one mission: It's time to Repo the Big 'Mo. \\

For months the other side has tried to define us. When we cried foul...called a spade a spade...the Clinton camp demanded a retraction. They want us to take things back...and we will: the lead \ the voters \ the victory. \\ This has been an historic convention....for the Republicans, it is the end of the beginning. For the Democrats, it is the beginning of the end. \\

I want to thank everyone responsible for making this convention a success. Part of the reason our convention was a success is that Republicans have got nothing to hide. Remember the Democratic convention? The great leaders of their party...the Democratic leadership of the House...the Democratic leadership of the Senate...they were nowhere to be seen. They must have kept them locked behind closed doors.....Kind of gives a whole new meaning to the term "closet liberal."

Last night I laid my cards on the table. I told the American people where I come from...where I stand...and where I'm headed. And I asked them to come along. So here's my heartbeat.

The world is a freer place than it was four years ago. We have won the Cold War...and now we must wage the peace. And I'm the right man for the job. And if the Democrats are finished borrowing it...I'd like my language back: We've changed the world...now we can change America.

I believe that the things that must guide change are the things that must never change. I believe that government must return to its limits....to do the right things...and do things right. Government must act to help families...not replace them. Whether it's childcare...or school choice...or the transmission of values -- Mom and Dad know better than Uncle Sam. \\

Someone once said that "all the ills of democracy can be cured by more democracy." I believe in bringing more democracy - more choice to the American people. Whether it's something as complex as health care -- or as simple spending your own tax dollars. The bottom line is that they call for change...but we are the change.

They speak of the Democratic Revolution of '92. Well, they're right about one thing: there is a revolution going on. But they didn't start it. It kind of reminds me of the old con man's advice to the new con man in town. He said: "Son....if you're bein' run outta town, just get in front and make it look like a parade."

But don't let them fool you. On defense matters...don't be fooled by sheep in wolves clothing. Don't let them tell you that patriotism depends on your point of view. Don't be fooled by copy-cat covenants. On taxes...they talk of tax fairness....but America, don't let that tax fool you....and don't let that fool tax you. Their economic plan? Well, Barbara brought a copy of it down to Houston for a little bedtime reading....She says she loves a good mystery.

But I want to be fair. I truly believe that Bill Clinton will be remembered as the Comeback Kid of 1992. When we leave him in the dust, he's going to be stuck in the middle of the road calling: "Come back....come back."

Now I'm going to give it to you straight...victory in November will require a lot of hard work...a lot of long hours. No one ever promised me a bed of roses...but I didn't exactly count on this crown of thorns. Some have asked me, "Mr. President, why do you want to run?" That's a fair question, and I think a good one. I've got a great family...I've got my health...I've got the best friends in the world. ((And don't forget -- I've got my fishing)).

Now this might be old fashioned, but I am running for the same reason many summers ago, I scolded George Junior for walking off an oil rig to spend time with his sweetheart: You finish what you start. I'll be frank...I didn't grow up pining for the presidency. But I made a commitment to my employer, the American people, to build a better country, to take it forward, to prepare it for the challenges ahead. I'm not walking off the job. I finish what I start.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 18, 1992

22 AUG 18 10:29

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM:

ROGER B. PORTER

JH For

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: RNC Meeting

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

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 08/17/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: Noon 08/18/92

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RNC MEETING/HOUSTON, Tx/Friday 8/21

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HORNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SKINNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MCBRIDE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SCOWCROFT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOORE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DARMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PETERSMEYER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BRADY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PORTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BROMLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROVOST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CALIO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SMITH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEMAREST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	YEUTTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FITZWATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FINDLAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GRAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KAUFMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOLIDAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MCGROARTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			PORTER ROSE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**REMARKS:** Please provide any comments directly to Dan McGroarty NO LATER THAN NOON ON TUESDAY, 08/18, with a copy to this office. Thanks.

**RESPONSE:**

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

(Grossman)  
August 17, 1992  
Draft One  
RNC

2 AUG 17 P6:21  
PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS:

RNC MEETING  
HYATT REGENCY  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1992

Cool Jets (Rich Bond) I have only one thing to say to you:  
Fire your engines. \\ [Acknowledgements]

Now most of you probably don't know this, but Rich's favorite movie is a film called "Repo Man." I'm told it's about a guy who repossesses -- or "reposes" -- delinquent merchandise. Well starting today...the repo men and women of the RNC have but one mission: It's time to Repo the Big 'Mo. \\

For months the other side has tried to define us. When we cried foul...called a spade a spade...the Clinton camp demanded a retraction. They want us to take things back...and we will: the lead \ the voters \ the victory. \\ This has been an historic convention....for the Republicans, it is the end of the beginning. For the Democrats, it is the beginning of the end. \\

I want to thank everyone responsible for making this convention a success. Part of the reason our convention was a success is that Republicans have got nothing to hide. Remember the Democratic convention? The great leaders of their party...the Democratic leadership of the House...the Democratic leadership of the Senate...they were nowhere to be seen. They must have kept them locked behind closed doors.....Kind of gives a whole new meaning to the term "closet liberal."

Last night I laid my cards on the table. I told the American people where I come from...where I stand...and where I'm headed. And I asked them to come along. ~~So here's my heartbeat.~~

The world is a freer place than it was four years ago. We have won the Cold War...and now we must <sup>EVIDE</sup> ~~wage~~ the peace. ~~and~~ I'm the right man for the job. And if the Democrats are finished borrowing it...I'd like my language back: We've changed the world...now we can change America.

I believe that the <sup>PRINCIPLES</sup> ~~things~~ that must guide change are the <sup>PRINCIPLES</sup> ~~things~~ that must never change. I believe that government must return to its limits....to do the right things...and do things right. Government must act to help families...not replace them. Whether it's childcare...or school choice...or the transmission of values -- Mom and Dad know better than Uncle Sam. \\

Someone once said that "all the ills of democracy can be cured by more democracy." I believe in bringing more democracy - more choice to the American people. Whether it's something as complex as health care -- or as simple spending your own tax dollars. The bottom line is that they call for change...but we are the change.

They speak of the Democratic Revolution of '92. Well, they're right about one thing: there is a revolution going on. But they didn't start it. It kind of reminds me of the old con man's advice to the new con man in town. He said: "Son....if you're bein' run outta town, just get in front and make it look like a parade."

But don't let them fool you. On defense matters...don't be fooled by sheep in wolves clothing. Don't let them tell you that patriotism depends on your point of view. Don't be fooled by copy-cat covenants. On taxes...they talk of tax fairness....but America, don't let that tax fool you....and don't let that fool tax you. Their economic plan? Well, Barbara brought a copy of it down to Houston for a little bedtime reading....She says she loves a good mystery.

But I want to be fair. I truly believe that Bill Clinton will be remembered as the Comeback Kid of 1992. When we leave him in the dust, he's going to be stuck in the middle of the road calling: "Come back....come back."

Now I'm going to give it to you straight...victory in November will require a lot of hard work...a lot of long hours.  
~~No one ever promised me a bed of roses...but I didn't exactly count on this crown of thorns.~~ Some have asked me, "Mr. President, why do you want to run?" That's a fair question, and I think a good one. I've got a great family...I've got my health...I've got the best friends in the world. ((And don't forget -- I've got my fishing)).

Now this might be old fashioned, but I am running for the same reason many summers ago, I scolded George Junior for walking off an oil rig to spend time with his sweetheart: You finish what you start. I'll be frank...I didn't grow up pining for the presidency. But I made a commitment to my employer, the American people, to build a better country, to take it forward, to prepare it for the challenges ahead. I'm not walking off the job. I finish what I start.

RNL

Paul

Cabinet Affairs

~~to~~ "please rework"

"too many clicks"

92 AUG 18 P 3: 14

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 08/17/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 12 AUG 18 12:58 Noon 08/18/92

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RNC MEETING/HOUSTON, TX/Friday 8/21

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HORNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SKINNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MCBRIDE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SCOWCROFT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOORE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DARMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PETERSMEYER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BRADY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PORTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BROMLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROVOST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CALIO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SMITH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEMAREST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	YEUTTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FITZWATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FINDLAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GRAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KAUFMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOLIDAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MCGROARTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			PORTER ROSE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

REMARKS: Please provide any comments directly to Dan McGroarty NO LATER THAN NOON ON TUESDAY, 08/18, with a copy to this office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

*No comments*

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

(Grossman)  
August 17, 1992  
Draft One  
RNC

2 AUG 17 P6:21  
PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS:

RNC MEETING  
HYATT REGENCY  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1992

Cool Jets (Rich Bond) I have only one thing to say to you:  
Fire your engines. \\ [Acknowledgements]

Now most of you probably don't know this, but Rich's favorite movie is a film called "Repo Man." I'm told it's about a guy who repossesses -- or "reposes" -- delinquent merchandise. Well starting today...the repo men and women of the RNC have but one mission: It's time to Repo the Big 'Mo. \\

For months the other side has tried to define us. When we cried foul...called a spade a spade...the Clinton camp demanded a retraction. They want us to take things back...and we will: the lead \ the voters \ the victory. \\ This has been an historic convention....for the Republicans, it is the end of the beginning. For the Democrats, it is the beginning of the end. \\

I want to thank everyone responsible for making this convention a success. Part of the reason our convention was a success is that Republicans have got nothing to hide. Remember the Democratic convention? The great leaders of their party...the Democratic leadership of the House...the Democratic leadership of the Senate...they were nowhere to be seen. They must have kept them locked behind closed doors.....Kind of gives a whole new meaning to the term "closet liberal."

Last night I laid my cards on the table. I told the American people where I come from...where I stand...and where I'm headed. And I asked them to come along. So here's my heartbeat.

The world is a freer place than it was four years ago. We have won the Cold War...and now we must wage the peace. And I'm the right man for the job. And if the Democrats are finished borrowing it...I'd like my language back: We've changed the world...now we can change America.

I believe that the things that must guide change are the things that must never change. I believe that government must return to its limits....to do the right things...and do things right. Government must act to help families...not replace them. Whether it's childcare...or school choice...or the transmission of values -- Mom and Dad know better than Uncle Sam. \\

Someone once said that "all the ills of democracy can be cured by more democracy." I believe in bringing more democracy - more choice to the American people. Whether it's something as complex as health care -- or as simple spending your own tax dollars. The bottom line is that they call for change...but we are the change.

They speak of the Democratic Revolution of '92. Well, they're right about one thing: there is a revolution going on. But they didn't start it. It kind of reminds me of the old con man's advice to the new con man in town. He said: "Son....if you're bein' run outta town, just get in front and make it look like a parade."

But don't let them fool you. On defense matters...don't be fooled by sheep in wolves clothing. Don't let them tell you that patriotism depends on your point of view. Don't be fooled by copy-cat covenants. On taxes...they talk of tax fairness....but America, don't let that tax fool you....and don't let that fool tax you. Their economic plan? Well, Barbara brought a copy of it down to Houston for a little bedtime reading....She says she loves a good mystery.

But I want to be fair. I truly believe that Bill Clinton will be remembered as the Comeback Kid of 1992. When we leave him in the dust, he's going to be stuck in the middle of the road calling: "Come back....come back."

Now I'm going to give it to you straight...victory in November will require a lot of hard work...a lot of long hours. No one ever promised me a bed of roses...but I didn't exactly count on this crown of thorns. Some have asked me, "Mr. President, why do you want to run?" That's a fair question, and I think a good one. I've got a great family...I've got my health...I've got the best friends in the world. ((And don't forget -- I've got my fishing)).

Now this might be old fashioned, but I am running for the same reason many summers ago, I scolded George Junior for walking off an oil rig to spend time with his sweetheart: You finish what you start. I'll be frank...I didn't grow up pining for the presidency. But I made a commitment to my employer, the American people, to build a better country, to take it forward, to prepare it for the challenges ahead. I'm not walking off the job. I finish what I start.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

92 AUG 18 11:22

August 18, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR COMMUNICATION

FROM: *mef* GREGORY S. WALDEN  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: BNC Meeting/Houston

At your request, the Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced matter. We have no legal comments or objection. One style/tone comment on last page.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 08/17/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: Noon 08/18/92

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RNC MEETING/HOUSTON, TX/Friday 8/21

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HORNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SKINNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MCBRIDE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SCOWCROFT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOORE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DARMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PETERSMEYER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BRADY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PORTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BROMLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROVOST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CALIO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SMITH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEMAREST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	YEUTTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FITZWATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FINDLAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GRAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KAUFMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOLIDAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MCGROARTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			PORTER ROSE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

REMARKS: Please provide any comments directly to Dan McGroarty NO LATER THAN NOON ON TUESDAY, 08/18, with a copy to this office. Thanks.

RESPONSE: *No legal comments or objection. One style/tone comment on last page.*  
*G. S. Walker 8-18-92*

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

(Grossman)  
August 17, 1992  
Draft One  
RNC

2 AUG 17 P6: 21  
PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS:

RNC MEETING  
HYATT REGENCY  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1992

Cool Jets (Rich Bond) I have only one thing to say to you:  
Fire your engines. \\ [Acknowledgements]

Now most of you probably don't know this, but Rich's favorite movie is a film called "Repo Man." I'm told it's about a guy who repossesses -- or "reposes" -- delinquent merchandise. Well starting today...the repo men and women of the RNC have but one mission: It's time to Repo the Big 'Mo. \\

For months the other side has tried to define us. When we cried foul...called a spade a spade...the Clinton camp demanded a retraction. They want us to take things back...and we will: the lead \ the voters \ the victory. \\ This has been an historic convention....for the Republicans, it is the end of the beginning. For the Democrats, it is the beginning of the end. \\

I want to thank everyone responsible for making this convention a success. Part of the reason our convention was a success is that Republicans have got nothing to hide. Remember the Democratic convention? The great leaders of their party...the Democratic leadership of the House...the Democratic leadership of the Senate...they were nowhere to be seen. They must have kept them locked behind closed doors.....Kind of gives a whole new meaning to the term "closet liberal."

Last night I laid my cards on the table. I told the American people where I come from...where I stand...and where I'm headed. And I asked them to come along. So here's my heartbeat.

The world is a freer place than it was four years ago. We have won the Cold War...and now we must wage the peace. And I'm the right man for the job. And if the Democrats are finished borrowing it...I'd like my language back: We've changed the world...now we can change America.

I believe that the things that must guide change are the things that must never change. I believe that government must return to its limits....to do the right things...and do things right. Government must act to help families...not replace them. Whether it's childcare...or school choice...or the transmission of values -- Mom and Dad know better than Uncle Sam. \\

Someone once said that "all the ills of democracy can be cured by more democracy." I believe in bringing more democracy - more choice to the American people. Whether it's something as complex as health care -- or as simple spending your own tax dollars. The bottom line is that they call for change...but we are the change.

They speak of the Democratic Revolution of '92. Well, they're right about one thing: there is a revolution going on. But they didn't start it. It kind of reminds me of the old con man's advice to the new con man in town. He said: "Son....if you're bein' run outta town, just get in front and make it look like a parade."

But don't let them fool you. On defense matters...don't be fooled by sheep in wolves clothing. Don't let them tell you that patriotism depends on your point of view. Don't be fooled by copy-cat covenants. On taxes...they talk of tax fairness....but America, don't let that tax fool you....and don't let that fool tax you. Their economic plan? Well, Barbara brought a copy of it down to Houston for a little bedtime reading....She says she loves a good mystery.

But I want to be fair. I truly believe that Bill Clinton will be remembered as the Comeback Kid of 1992. When we leave him in the dust, he's going to be stuck in the middle of the road calling: "Come back....come back."

Now I'm going to give it to you straight...victory in November will require a lot of hard work...a lot of long hours.

*I would delete Jesus metaphor*  
~~No one ever promised me a bed of roses...but I didn't exactly count on this crown of thorns.~~ Some have asked me, "Mr.

President, why do you want to run?" That's a fair question, and I think a good one. I've got a great family...I've got my health...I've got the best friends in the world. ((And don't forget -- I've got my fishing)).

Now this might be old fashioned, but I am running for the same reason many summers ago, I scolded George Junior for walking off an oil rig to spend time with his sweetheart: You finish what you start. I'll be frank...I didn't grow up pining for the presidency. But I made a commitment to my employer, the American people, to build a better country, to take it forward, to prepare it for the challenges ahead. I'm not walking off the job. I finish what I start.

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM



92 AUG 18 P12:38

DATE: 08/17/92

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: Noon 08/18/92

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RNC MEETING/HOUSTON, Tx/Friday 8/21

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HORNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SKINNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MCBRIDE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SCOWCROFT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOORE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DARMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PETERSMEYER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BRADY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PORTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BROMLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROVOST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CALIO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SMITH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEMAREST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	YEUTTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FITZWATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FINDLAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GRAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KAUFMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOLIDAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MCGROARTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			PORTER ROSE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**REMARKS:**

Please provide any comments directly to Dan McGroarty NO LATER THAN NOON ON TUESDAY, 08/18, with a copy to this office. Thanks.

**RESPONSE:**

August 18, 1992

TC: DANIEL MCGROARTY

The NSC concurs in the proposed presidential remarks, subject to the changes noted on the attached text.

Brent Scowcroft

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

(Grossman)  
August 17, 1992  
Draft One  
RNC

2 AUG 17 PG: 21  
PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS:

RNC MEETING  
HYATT REGENCY  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1992

Cool Jets (Rich Bond) I have only one thing to say to you:  
Fire your engines. \\ [Acknowledgements]

Now most of you probably don't know this, but Rich's favorite movie is a film called "Repo Man." I'm told it's about a guy who repossesses -- or "reposes" -- delinquent merchandise. Well starting today...the repo men and women of the RNC have but one mission: It's time to Repo the Big 'Mo. \\

*Forget! "the Big Mo!" please! Big Mo is*

For months the other side has tried to define us. When we <sup>assoc-</sup>cried foul...called a spade a spade...the Clinton camp demanded a <sup>called</sup> retraction. They want us to take things back...and we will: the <sup>with</sup> lead \ the voters \ the victory. \\ This has been an historic convention....for the Republicans, it is the end of the beginning. For the Democrats, it is the beginning of the end. \\

*disaster*

I want to thank everyone responsible for making this convention a success. Part of the reason our convention was a success is that Republicans have got nothing to hide. Remember the Democratic convention? The great leaders of their party...the Democratic leadership of the House...the Democratic leadership of the Senate...they were nowhere to be seen. They must have kept them locked behind closed doors.....Kind of gives a whole new meaning to the term "closet liberal."

Last night I laid my cards on the table. I told the American people where I come from...where I stand...and where I'm headed. And I asked them to come along. So here's my heartbeat.

The world is a freer place than it was four years ago. We have won the Cold War...and now we must wage the peace. And I'm the right man for the job. And if the Democrats are finished borrowing it...I'd like my language back: We've changed the world...now we can change America.

I believe that the things that must guide change are the things that must never change. I believe that government must return to its limits....to do the right things...and do things right. Government must act to help families...not replace them. Whether it's childcare...or school choice...or the transmission of values -- Mom and Dad know better than Uncle Sam. \\

Someone once said that "all the ills of democracy can be cured by more democracy." I believe in bringing more democracy - more choice to the American people. Whether it's something as complex as health care -- or as simple spending your own tax dollars. The bottom line is that they call for change...but we are the change.

They speak of the Democratic Revolution of '92. Well, they're right about one thing: there is a revolution going on. But they didn't start it. It kind of reminds me of the old con man's advice to the new con man in town. He said: "Son....if you're bein' run outta town, just get in front and make it look like a parade."

*Good, but will be lost or achieved without more explanation*

But don't let them fool you. On defense matters...don't be fooled by sheep in wolves clothing. Don't let them tell you that patriotism depends on your point of view. Don't be fooled by copy-cat covenants. On taxes...they talk of tax fairness....but America, don't let that tax fool you....and don't let that fool tax you. Their economic plan? Well, Barbara brought a copy of it down to Houston for a little bedtime reading....She says she loves a good mystery.

But I want to be fair. I truly believe that Bill Clinton will be remembered as the Comeback Kid of 1992. When we leave him in the dust, he's going to be stuck in the middle of the road calling: "Come back....come back."

Now I'm going to give it to you straight...victory in November will require a lot of hard work...a lot of long hours.

No one ever promised me a bed of roses...~~but I didn't exactly~~  
*Self defeating but good @ being symbolic*  
count on this crown of thorns. Some have asked me, "Mr.

President, why do you want to run?" That's a fair question, and I think a good one. I've got a great family...I've got my health...I've got the best friends in the world. ((And don't forget -- I've got my fishing)).

Now this might be old fashioned, but I am running for the same reason many summers ago, I scolded George <sup>W.</sup> Junior for walking

off an oil rig to spend time with his sweetheart: You finish what you start. I'll be frank...I didn't grow up pining for the

presidency. But I made a commitment to my employer, the American

people, to build a better country, to take it forward, to prepare it for the challenges ahead. I'm not walking off the job. *Really? I know that you are trying to distinguish POTUS from Clinton. - isn't there a better way?* *With your help,* I will

finish what I started!

**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

32 AUG 20 12:30

DATE: 8/19/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: - - -

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RNC MEETING/HOUSTON, TX  
FRIDAY, 8/21

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HORNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SKINNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MCBRIDE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SCOWCROFT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MOORE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DARMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PETERSMEYER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BRADY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PORTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BROMLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROVOST	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CALIO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<del>SMITH</del>	<del><input type="checkbox"/></del>	<del><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></del>
DEMAREST	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YEUTTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FITZWATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FINDLAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GRAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KAUFMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HOLIDAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MCGROARTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			PORTER ROSE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

*Dorrance will comment from Houston.*

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

2 AUG 19 P5:26

August 19, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: STEVE PROVOST  
FROM: JENNIFER GROSSMAN  
SUBJECT: RNC MEETING

On Friday, August 21st, at 8:30 a.m., you will deliver remarks (six minutes/cards) to approximately 200 RNC members and guests at the Hyatt Regency. Your remarks are meant to rally the troops for the fight ahead.

Note: Chairman Bond introduces you for your remarks. The "Cool Jets" acknowledgement refers to an anecdote Bond might use in his remarks, about how he once told the First Lady to "Cool her jets" as she stood on a darkened Dubuque airstrip waiting to be picked up.

(Grossman)  
August 17, 1992  
Draft Two  
RNC

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RNC MEETING  
HYATT REGENCY  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1992

Cool Jets (Rich Bond) I have only one thing to say to you:  
Fire your engines. \\  
[Acknowledgements]

Let me say a few words about a friend -- about the man I'll  
be recommending to you as the next General Chairman of the  
Republican Party. Sam Skinner's been with me since my first run  
for the White House. He's served me well in the Cabinet and as  
Chief of Staff -- and I know he'll serve me ably with the RNC.

You know, when Sam was U.S. Attorney in Chicago, they used  
to call him "Sam the Hammer". When he was at Transportation, he  
was known as the "Master of Disaster". Well, when "Sam the  
Hammer" comes down on our opposition this fall, it will be  
disaster for the Democrats.

For months now, the other side has tried to define us. When  
we cried foul...called a spade a spade...the Clinton camp  
demanded a retraction. They want us to take things back...and we  
will: the lead \ the voters \ the victory. \\  
This has been an  
historic convention....for the Republicans, it is the end of the  
beginning. For the Democrats, it is the beginning of the end. \\

I want to thank everyone responsible for making this  
convention a success. Part of the reason our convention was a  
success is that Republicans have got nothing to hide. Remember  
the Democratic convention? The great leaders of their

party...the Democratic leadership of the House...the Democratic leadership of the Senate...they were nowhere to be seen. They must have kept them locked behind closed doors.....Kind of gives a whole new meaning to the term "closet liberal."

Last night I laid my cards on the table. I told the American people where I come from...where I stand...and where I'm headed. And I asked them to come along. So here's my heartbeat.

The world is a freer place than it was four years ago. We have won the Cold War...and now we must wage the peace. And I'm the right man for the job. And if the Democrats are finished borrowing it for their convention...I'd like my language back: We've changed the world...now we can change America.

I believe that the things that must guide change are the things that must never change. I believe that government must return to its limits....to do the right things...and do things right. Government must act to help families...not replace them. Whether it's childcare...or school choice...or the transmission of values -- Mom and Dad know better than Uncle Sam. \\

Someone once said that "all the ills of democracy can be cured by more democracy." I believe in bringing more democracy - more choice to the American people. Whether it's something as complex as health care -- or as simple as spending your own tax dollars. The bottom line is that they call for change...but we are the change.

They speak of the Democratic Revolution of '92. Well, they're right about one thing: there is a revolution going on. But they didn't start it. It reminds me of the old con man's

advice to the new con man in town. He said: "Son....if you're bein' run outta town, just get in front and make it look like a parade."

But don't let them fool you. On defense matters...don't be fooled by sheep in wolves clothing. Don't let them tell you that patriotism depends on your point of view. Don't be fooled by copy-cat covenants. On taxes...they talk of tax fairness....but America, don't let that tax fool you....and don't let that fool tax you. Their economic plan? Well, Barbara brought a copy of it down to Houston for a little bedtime reading....She says she loves a good mystery.

Now I'm going to give it to you straight...victory in November will require a lot of hard work...a lot of long hours. But I truly believe we will make this one of the great come-from-behind wins in American history.

So where does that leave Bill Clinton -- the Comeback Kid? When we leave him in the dust, he's going to be stuck in the middle of the road calling: "Come back....come back."

Thank you all -- each and every one you involved in the Republican National Committee efforts -- for starting us on the road to victory, and may God bless this great nation, the United States of America.

# # #

Kaufman

Shanette in hts

Offra said

N/C

92 AUG 18 P12: 41

Courtney - Smith

N/C

on RNC +

LTI

92 AUG 18 PM 12:30

Sharon said  
N/C for  
Demarest

92 AUG 18 P12:43

92 AUG 18 P1: 41

Spin called for  
Cater  
NIC on RNC  
on T.I.

Darmon —

Lois <sup>92 AUG 18</sup> AIO: 0  
~~Lois~~ called in

N/C

92 AUG 18 P1: 48

Hand called  
for Holiday  
N/C