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Make no mistake about it: We are not going to let the Clinton-Gore ticket fool the American people. The Clinton-Gore ticket and the gridlocked Congress are totally interlocked. One is C-G, and the other is G-C: Clinton-Gore, gridlocked Congress. But don't let them try to separate themselves from each other. They are one and the same, even though they tried to hide the leaders away at their Madison Square convention.

Now, let me give you one example of what I'm talking about. When Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, I turned to the American people—and no area of our country responded better than the people of Mississippi—I turned to the American people and asked for their support and, of course, to our young men and women for sacrifice before the Middle East became a nuclear powder keg threatening us all. Mississippi responded, and you made America proud. But many of the liberal Democrats in Congress stood against us.

As I said last night, what about the leader of the Arkansas National Guard, the man who hopes to be Commander in Chief? Let me repeat it for you. Two days after Congress voted to follow my lead, my opponent said this, and I want to be fair about it, so I'll give you the exact quotation: "I guess I would have voted with the majority if it was a close vote, but I agree with the arguments the minority made." What kind of message would that send to a man like Saddam Hussein?

You talk about wishy-washy indecision that is offered up by both my opponent and the gridlocked Congress; they are one and the same. So if you want to see this country go forward with optimism, first send Bill Clinton back to Arkansas, but just as important, help me shake up that gridlocked Congress and get rid of him.

Speaking for this district, you can do it by electing a seasoned leader, General Paul Harvey, to represent you in the Congress. I told the general I was going to make a joke about his providing "the rest of the story." But I'm sure you heard this kind of kidding. I'm sure he's heard it about 3,000 times every day.

Our crusade, and it is one, will not be easy. And I know that. But I'm absolutely certain that in November we will prevail. Two weeks

ago, they were totally writing off the Bush-Quayle ticket, all those smart talking heads on television. We are going to take it to the American people. We're going to the people with our message.

For 9 months, for 9 months the Governor of Arkansas has been distorting my record. I don't care what the polls say, I'm going to take this case to the American people like Truman did, go against the Congress, go against the opponent, say what I'm for.

God bless the United States of America. We are going to win this race. Thank you all.

Note: The President spoke at 12:25 p.m. in Jones Park. In his remarks, he referred to Governor Kirk Fordice; Senators Trent Lott and Thad Cochran; Ken Combs, Mayor of Gulfport; and entertainer Ricky Scaggs. 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 Branson, Missouri

August 21, 1992

The President. Thank you all very much. Thank you so much. What a wonderful welcome back to the Ozarks. Thank you very, very much. May I just salute our great Governor, John Ashcroft, thanking him for all he's done to strengthen the American family and to bring decency and honor to the governorship of this State. He has been superb. I'm glad that all the entertainers, these marvelous stars who stand for grassroots America, are with us today. They are friends, and we honor them. And I know why you came here: Just to hear them. So thank you very, very much.

May I tell you, perhaps it sounds a little bit prejudiced, but I think Barbara Bush is doing a first-class job as First Lady of this land. If you ask Barbara, she'll tell you that my favorite kind of music is a two-way tie between country and western. So, for me to visit Branson is really a dream come true. America loves country music because, I be-

lieve, country music really loves America. It's a great pleasure to be here.

Let me talk just briefly this afternoon about the choice that we face this fall. I might even mention a couple of country songs along the way. This is my second stop after our great Republican Convention in Houston that ended yesterday. Now we've got 70-some days left—

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

The President. —70-some days left to take our message of hope for a safer and stronger and more prosperous America to every voter. I will take on the Governor of Arkansas. I will define him. And we will win.

You know, last week he gave an interview, Governor Clinton did, where he sounded as if he was getting ready to measure the drapes in the Oval Office. Well, I've got news for you. Not so fast. I believe that, come November 3d, my opponent and his saxophone will be playing that old Buck Owens classic, "It's Crying Time."

You know, last night I had a chance to have some straight talk with the American people. One of the questions I wanted to answer was, why, with all the challenges at home, foreign policy is important. Look, remember back to those days when the kids, and some of you were there then, had to climb under your desks to practice nuclear war drills? I saw a chance to rid our children's dreams of the nuclear nightmare. I did it, and I am proud of it. And the American people supported me. If that Clinton-Gore ticket doesn't understand it, I believe the American people do. That our kids can now sleep in the sunshine of peace is good for the American family, good for the entire world.

Do you remember Garth Brooks' song "One Dream Per Customer"? Well, to me, that's not a bad description of our great country because freedom means that every citizen can have their dream. In the past 4 years, more people, more people around the world were able to have their first dream of freedom than at any time in human history. With your help and the help of the American people that kept America strong, we got that done.

If the opposition doesn't think that's important, let them go to ethnic America. Let

them talk to people whose families still live there or families that came here for the first time. Let them discuss that. Let those Clinton-Gore people hear from the American people that freedom is important. And I am glad I had a hand in bringing it about.

There's another side of all of this. There's another side of a more peaceful world. And that means that this new freedom brings new demands for American products, all American products. That means jobs for the American people.

Now, my opponent's ideas, they are clear, present, and dangerous. He says he's converted, he's not a liberal. But right out of the block, he offers \$220 billion in new Government spending, that's true, and that \$150 billion in new taxes, the largest tax increase in history. And he calls that investment. He wants to invest your money in Government spending, and I'm not going to let it happen.

When you peel away all his nice-sounding rhetoric about the plan he's got, the impact of his plan can be summed up by a song by my old friend Loretta Lynn, "When the Tingle Becomes a Chill."

I propose a dramatically different way to create new jobs. I believe that we get a change in Congress, we can do it this way: Cut the Government spending and then cut the taxes. Get it down. Get Government further out of the lives of the people. And the Congress, that gridlocked Congress, has failed. Last night I promised a new idea, to let you, the taxpayer, check your income tax form to designate up to 10 percent of your taxes for one purpose: reduce the deficit. And then, to the degree you check it, put lids on so we have to reduce the spending to go with that deficit reduction.

They get on me about spending. Look, I've sent up to the Congress proposals to eliminate over 200 Government programs and 4,000 projects, and I've asked for a freeze on discretionary spending. That gridlocked Congress has refused to go along. So today I say, let's give the American people the freedom to do what Congress has refused to do and been unable to do for 38 years under that liberal Democrat control.

As I say, I want to go further. As we cut the spending, I believe we can cut those taxes and give families more money to pay their

bills and businesses more incentives to hire new workers. The Congress linked in to Bill Clinton say no, and I say yes. That's the way to bring prosperity back to the United States of America.

We have other priorities.

Audience members. We want Bush! We want Bush! We want Bush!

The President. We have other priorities. Let me tell you about health care. My opponent has a plan that would lead to a backdoor Government takeover of our health care system and would slap a tax on the already overburdened small businessman and small businesswoman in this country. I want to unfetter small business, not stick a new tax on them.

I have a different approach to health care, the plan I've got to the Congress that the gridlockers refuse to move on. What it says is: Make insurance available to all, the poorest of the poor and everybody else. Get these costs under control. Do something about these malpractice lawsuits. But do not turn the health care over to the Government; would run it like they ran the post office and the bank.

We've got a great plan to renew our schools, and God bless the teachers that are out here today. We also have another plan, and that is put the lid on some of these crazy lawsuits that are costing our economy hundreds of millions of dollars, scaring coaches out of the Little League, scaring doctors out of the medical profession. Suing each other too much and caring for each too little, and I want to change it.

You might ask, why haven't you done that as President? I'll tell you. We've had proposal after proposal up on Capitol Hill to do it, to change the law. And the gridlocked Congress doesn't dare think about it because they are in the pocket of the trial lawyers association. That's a fact. That is the fact, and I'm going to keep telling the American people that: Blocked by the gridlocked Democratic-controlled Congress. Remember that. You're going to hear a lot about it for 74 days.

All right, let me give you another example. I mentioned it last night. On the day I sent the planes over Baghdad—God bless those men and women of Desert Storm—on that day I sent a new energy program to the Con-

gress. It took 43 days to win the Gulf war, but it has taken 533 days, and still counting, to get Congress to send a national energy program down to the White House. That is too long. The Congress is in gridlock. They don't dare move.

Too many—

Audience members. Clean the House! Clean the House! Clean the House!

The President. That's it: Clean the House, clean the House. That is the expression. That's it. All right, I'm going to be saying that from now on, too. This is exactly right. That is the problem: 38 years the Democrats have controlled the House. You ought to be able to just make a mistake and get a change in one time. They've never done it. Throw them out with their PAC's, their privileges, and their perks, and give us a chance.

Tomorrow, Branson, I understand, is hosting the fifth Oldtime Fiddle Contest. I wouldn't be surprised to see all the liberal leaders of the Congress there, signed up, participating as a team, fiddling while America gets burned by their inaction. But make no mistake about it, that Clinton-Gore ticket are locked, they are interlocked with the gridlocked Congress. I'm not going to let the American people forget that. We've got to change the Congress and send Bill Clinton back to live happily after across the Ozark Lake.

So I've got two messages, two messages. First, for the opponent: Follow that old Elvis Presley song "Return to Sender." Return him over here across the lake. And then, you may have guessed it, break up the gridlocked Congress. Kick the liberals out of Washington. Give me a Congress that will cut the spending and cut the taxes and do what is right to get our great country moving again.

You know, the thing that got me the most about this Governor across the way is when he said we were ridiculed around the world. We are not. We are the most respected Nation in the world. Let him tell that to the leaders there, and they'll tell him he's wrong. If he wants to say we're ridiculed, let him tell that to the men and women that fought in Desert Storm and see what happens to him.

So yes, I am proud to say we have changed the world. Now we've got to move this country forward. My good friend Randy Travis put it this way, "There is no stopping us now." Thank you for this hospitality. Thank you for this fantastic welcome.

Let me put it this way. Here's the way it's going to be from now on out. Do you remember the son of Missouri, Harry Truman? He was a big underdog, and he fought back. He wrapped another Governor challenging him right around that do-nothing Congress. I'm going to do the same thing with the Governor of Arkansas, wrap him to the gridlocked Congress, take my message of peace and a stronger America to the American people, and win this election, not for me but for the American people. Thank you very, very much. Thank you. Great rally.

Note: The President spoke at 4:36 p.m. at Silver Dollar City. In his remarks, he referred to entertainer Randy Travis. 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 to the Community in Woodstock, Georgia

August 22, 1992

The President. Thank you very much. You know, this reminds me of a great country song, "If you want to see a rainbow, you've got to take a little rain." And we're going to show the American people a rainbow.

May I salute Mayor Rogers and thank my friend of long standing, and I hope your next Senator, Paul Coverdell, for that introduction; salute our leader, Newt Gingrich, who helps us so much in Washington; members of the city council here; the cheerleaders and bands from Cherokee and Etowah and Sequoia High Schools; and Daron Norwood, the Spirit of Atlanta; and of course, Dr. Johnny Hunt, who I'm told is not only a spiritual leader here, but that First Baptist Church here in Woodstock stands for family, family values, one Nation under God. Jane Hancock and Audra Dinsmore and Johnny Isaacson,

thank you all. And of course, I'm glad to be standing here with one of Woodstock's own, my friend Orlando Wilson, who is a good—if anybody likes bass fishing they know all about this guy. Now, Fred Cooper, my chairman, and Alec Poitevint, our leaders, thank you all.

It's great to be here in Cherokee County, the land of the free and the home of the Warriors. Okay, and let's not forget the Chiefs and the Eagles. Frankly, it's great to be out of that DC mode and out on the campaign trail, taking our case to the American people. We are going to give them something to talk about down at Dean's Store here in Woodstock.

So I want to talk briefly—and the skies have cleared now, I'm glad to say—about the sharp choice, the clear, sharp choice that we're going to offer every American. It's a choice between different agendas, different directions for our great country, and it's a choice about the character of the man that you want to lead this Nation for another 4 years.

They say this election is about change. Well, they're right. But let's not forget the things that must guide change are the things that never change: our belief in a strong defense, in strong families, and in leaving the world a better and more prosperous place for the young kids here today. That's what this election is about.

Think for a minute about the world we've already seen, a world of change: the Berlin Wall down; millions of people around the world took the first breath of freedom; and America, her ideals and her strengths intact, won the cold war. That is good for every American.

I can't come to Georgia without saluting one other thing: Thanks for the contribution that this State made to that wonderful victory of Desert Storm. It is something strong about the American spirit.

All this change didn't come about by accident. The world changed because we, the American people, stayed true to our unchanging principles. My opponents—let them say this—they say I spent too much time on national security and foreign policy. Well, let me tell you, when I took office I

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BRANSON, MISSOURI

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The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
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August 20, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DAN MC GROARTY

SUBJECT: BRANSON RALLY

On Friday at 4:30 p.m., you will take part in a rally in Branson, Missouri -- the Country-Western capital of the world.

The speech echoes themes from the convention address, and is your final speech of the day.

The humor draws on local color in Branson. For instance, Shoji Tabuchi is (as you may well know) Branson's famous fiddler.

McGroarty/Nix
August 20, 1992
6:00 p.m.
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BRANSON RALLY
BRANSON, MISSOURI
AUGUST 22, 1992
4:30 P.M.

Thank you all for this warm welcome. [Acknowledgements.]

When people ask me my favorite music, I tell them it's a two-way tie: between country ... and western.

And they say you don't know country -- until you've been to Branson. //

America loves country music -- because country music loves America. // That's why I'm so glad to come to Branson to kick-off our crusade to bring America back to the values that made us great -- and take America forward to its future. //

I know, my opponent's counting me out. If you saw the USA Today story last week, you'd say he's counting his chickens. He's already talking about who'll be the Deputy Under Secretary of every department, and where he'll go to get away from the White House for the weekend. I half expected to find him in the Oval Office measuring it for drapes.

Well, I've got news for Bill Clinton:

Forget the drapes. It's curtains. //

Come November 3rd, he'll be singing that old Buck Owens classic: it's "Cryin' Time." //

Maybe I'll get Buck to send Bill the sheet music ... for saxophone. //

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years, more people have taken the first breath of freedom than at any time in human history. //

Liberals want to rewrite that history -- but we won't let that happen.

In the 70's, we wanted to build a stronger army -- the liberals hollowed it out.

In the 80's, we stood up against the Soviets, stood for equality in the nuclear arms race -- they wanted to freeze us in second place.

From Angola to Nicaragua and Afghanistan -- we said -- let's stand up for freedom -- they said "lets negotiate, deliberate, procrastinate."

Now the Cold War is over and they claim -- "hey, we were behind you all the way!" Yeah, way behind us. 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 it front and make it look like a parade."

If we'd have listened to the liberals -- we'd still be living with the Berlin Wall, we'd still be worried about the Warsaw Pact, there'd still be Communists in the Kremlin threatening a world with war. //

My opponents say I spend too much time on foreign policy -- and let me say this in return.

I saw the chance to rid our children's dreams of the nuclear nightmare -- and I did. I seized the opportunity so that our kids and our grandkids will never have to climb under desks in

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I came in today by helicopter, Marine One. / I noticed I-65 was backed up all the way to Little Rock.

Seems there was a bus ... stuck in the left lane. //

Did I mention? It was going south. //

Last night, I began a conversation with the American people. Straight talk about the big issues that shape the world -- about the values close to home: I'm talking about jobs, about family and faith -- about neighborhoods free from crime -- about a world free from fear. //

Today, I want to talk to you 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 your nation.

If you listen to the other side tell it, you're for them if you're for change. But this election is not just about change -- because change has a flip-side ... called trust. When you get right down to it, this election will be like every other: When you pull that curtain closed and cast your vote November 3rd -- trust matters. //

When the phone rings in the middle of the night in the White House ... when a crisis comes half a world away ... the American people want to know that their leader has the experience, the background, the "guts" to do the right thing.

I'm proud of the changes we have made together. Proud of America's victory in the Cold War -- proud that in the past four

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nuclear drills as children once did. I will never apologize for one single minute spent to make this world a place of peace for our children. //

But this I know: America's work in the world is far from over. The Soviet bear may be extinct -- but there are still plenty of wolves in the world. As long as I am President, no madman will get his finger on the nuclear trigger // As long as I am Commander in Chief, America will remain safe and strong.//

Electing a leader who will keep America strong is trust in the traditional sense. But that's just part of the picture. Each election is a referendum on the future -- and what we want it to look like. I stake my claim on a simple philosophy: To lead a great nation ... you must first trust the people you lead.

Look at every big issue we face. You'll see a choice -- a choice between we who put our faith in everyday Americans, and the folks who put their faith in government.

And if you haven't heard by now what the "Government First" crowd has planned, let me give you just a couple details:

First -- they're calling for over \$200 billion dollars in new spending -- and another \$150 billion in new taxes.

Now, they're going to come back at me and say: "Wait one minute. We're the new breed. We're no Walter Mondale or Mike Dukakis."

Well now ... maybe they're right. //

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I don't want to be unfair ... to Mr. Mondale or Mr. Dukakis. \$150 billion in new taxes is more than they the two of them ever dreamed of offering. //

Do you believe that the federal government is already big enough -- and taxes too high? Do you want fewer lawsuits, fewer regulations, and more opportunity for small businesses? Do you think that competition can help cure the ills that plague our schools, and bring the cost of health care down?

If you believe in these ideas -- then you believe in my ideas.

We trust the people -- not the government -- to create the jobs and get this economy moving again.

We trust parents -- not the government -- to make the decisions that matter in life. //

We trust parents -- not the government -- to choose their children's schools: public, private or religious. //

We trust parents -- not the government -- to choose their children's child care. // When the other side says, "government knows best" -- I say: Parents know better. Parents know better than some bureaucrat in Washington, D.C.//

I've been criticized for having a global vision, but this to me is the defining challenge of the 90's. To take advantage of our victory around the world, to build a more secure nation here at home.

The American people must ask this question -- who do you trust to bring together foreign policy, security policy, and

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economic policy -- so that it can make a difference in your hometown -- your neighborhood -- your life?

Well, count on it: We're going to help Congress curb its appetite. / We're going to freeze federal spending -- freeze it right now. And if Congress gets the urge to spend, to do a little late-night snacking at the pork barrel, I'll slam the lid shut with a veto.

We're going to help Congress cut the deficit. / I say: Give the people the power to dedicate 10 percent of their tax dollars directly to the deficit.

If Congress won't act -- then the people will. Won't that send a powerful message to Washington! //

I may just have Hank Williams, Jr. serenade the House and Senate: "A little less talk and a lot more action." //

Tomorrow, I hear downtown Branson is host to the 5th Annual Oldtime Fiddlers Contest. ///

So now I know: That's what the Democratic leadership does on its recess. //

Let's clear the old time fiddlers out of the Congress -- and leave the fiddling to Shoji Tabuchi. //

I am going take my fight to every corner of this nation -- and I'm going to make the case not just to re-elect me -- but to give Congress back to the people. The House of Representatives has remained in the same control since Khrushchev ruled the Kremlin ... since Castro's coup in Cuba. But today, the status

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quo is under siege: The only way to break the deadlock in Washington is to clear out the deadwood on Capitol Hill. //

Now, you've heard the Democrats's favorite tune. America ridiculed around the world. America in decline -- past its prime. It's like a broken record: running on 33 1/3 in a Compact Disc world. //

I guess that's one reason I love "country." I get so tired of my Opponents -- always singing the blues. //

I know this race will be tough. But I know something else: deep in my heart -- I know that we will win. //

We will win because our ideas are stronger. We will win because we trust the people -- not the government. We will win because we understand the American way.

Barbara and I want to thank the good people of Branson for your support -- and may God bless this great nation -- the United States of America.

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Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm 122, Ext. 2930 NO LATER THAN 2:00 P.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, with a copy to this office.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

McGroarty/Nix
August 19, 1992
3:00 p.m.
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SPEECHWRITER TO THE PRESIDENT


FROM:  GREGORY S. WALDEN
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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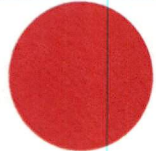
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BRANSON RALLY
 SUBJECT: BRANSON, MISSOURI
AUGUST 22, 1992

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm 122, Ext. 2930 NO LATER THAN 2:00 P.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, with a copy to this office.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:

*Comments from
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 8/20/92
 10 am*

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 Assistant to the President
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 Ext. 2702

McGroarty/Nix
August 19, 1992
3:00 p.m.
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AUGUST 22, 1992
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Thank you all for this warm welcome. [Acknowledgements.]

When people ask me my favorite music, I tell them it's a two-way tie: between country ... and western.

And they say you don't know country -- until you've been to Branson. //

America loves country music -- because country music loves America. // That's why I'm so glad to come to Branson to kick-off our crusade to bring America back to the values that made us great -- and take America forward to its future. //

I know, my opponent's counting me out. If you saw the USA Today story last week, you'd say he's counting his chickens. He's already talking about who'll be the Deputy Under Secretary of every cabinet, and where he'll go to get away from the White House for the weekend. I half expected to find him in the Oval Office measuring it for drapes.

Well, I've got news for Bill Clinton:

Forget the drapes. It's curtains. //

Come November 3rd, he'll be singing that old Buck Owens tune: it's "Cryin' Time." //

Maybe I'll get Buck to send Bill the sheet music ... for saxophone. //

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I came in today by helicopter, Marine One. / I-76 was backed up all the way to [....].

Seems there was a bus ... stuck in the left lane. //

Last night, I began a conversation with the American people. Straight talk about the big issues that shape the world -- about the values close to home: I'm talking about jobs, about family and faith -- about neighborhoods free from crime -- about a world free from fear. //

Today, I want to talk to you 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 your nation.

If you listen to the other side tell it, you're for them if you're for change. But this election is not just about change -- because change has a flip-side ... called trust. When you get right down to it, this election will be like every other: When you ^{close} ~~pull~~ that curtain ^{closed} and cast your vote November 3rd -- trust matters. //

When the phone rings in the middle of the night in the White House ... when a crisis comes half a world away ... the American people want to know that their leader has the experience, the background, the "cuts" to do the right thing.

I'm proud of the changes we have made together. Proud of America's victory in the Cold War -- proud that in the past four years, more people have taken the first breath of freedom than at any time in human history. //

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Liberals want to rewrite that history -- but we won't let that happen.

In the 70's, we wanted to build a stronger army -- the liberals hollowed it out.

In the 80's, we stood up against the Soviets, stood for equality in the nuclear arms race -- they wanted to freeze us in second place.

From Angola to Nicaragua and Afghanistan -- we said -- let's stand up for freedom -- they said "lots negotiate, deliberate, procrastinate."

Now the Cold War is over and they claim -- "hey, we were behind you all the way!" Yeah, way behind us. 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 it front and make it look like a parade."

If we'd have listened to the liberals -- we'd still be living with the Berlin Wall, we'd still be worried about the Warsaw Pact, there'd still be Communists in the Kremlin threatening a world with war. //

My opponents say I spend too much time on foreign policy -- and let me say this in return.

I saw the chance to rid our children's dreams of the nuclear nightmare -- and I did. I seized the opportunity so that our kids and our grandkids will never have to climb under desks in nuclear drills as children once did. I will never apologize for

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one single minute spent to make this world a place of peace for our children. //

But this I know: America's work in the world is far from over. The Soviet bear may be extinct -- but there are still plenty of wolves in the world. As long as I am President, no madman will get his finger on the nuclear trigger // As long as I am Commander in Chief, America will remain safe and strong.//

Electing a leader who will keep America strong is trust in the traditional sense. But that's just part of the picture. Each election is a referendum on the future -- and what we want it to look like. I stake my claim on a simple philosophy: To lead a great nation ... you must first trust the people you lead.

Look at every big issue we face. You'll see a choice -- a choice between we who put our faith in everyday Americans, and the folks who put their faith in government.

And if you haven't heard by now what the "Government First" crowd has planned, let me give you just a couple details:

First -- they're calling for over \$200 billion dollars in new spending -- and another \$150 billion in new taxes.

Now, they're going to come back at me and say: "Wait one minute. We're the new breed. We're no Walter Mondale or Mike Dukakis."

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