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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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September 12, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: STEVEN PROVOST *SP*

FROM: BOB GRADY *RG*

SUBJECT: REMARKS IN COLVILLE, WASHINGTON

On Monday, September 14 at 6:10 p.m., you will address an audience of 7,000, which includes lumber workers, their families, and the Colville community at Vaagen Brothers Lumber, Inc. Your remarks are fifteen minutes in length and will be on teleprompter.

*SOME MISSING*

((Grady))

9/12/92

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VISIT TO VAAGEN BROS. LUMBER, INC.  
COLVILLE, WASHINGTON  
Monday, September 14, 1992

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Being out here in the great Pacific Northwest, I cannot help but think of Teddy Roosevelt -- the first President to focus the attention of the Nation on the condition of our natural resources. Teddy Roosevelt once said: "wise forest protection does not mean the withdrawal of forest resources... from contributing their full share to the welfare of the people..."

What President Roosevelt had in mind, and what the American people have always wanted, is balance.

Not far from here is a timber town called Forks. Like Colville, Forks supported a mill, and the mill supported a community. Because of a lack of timber, the mill had to close. Today unemployment in Forks is at 20 percent. The car dealership has closed. The clothing store is gone. The movie theater -- shut down. Domestic violence complaints have doubled, just in the last year. The community has been ravaged.

Forks is in crisis for a simple reason: the balance has been lost. My friends, I have come here because we must restore the balance.

I want to quote you something from Oregon's Senator Mark Hatfield, who was a cosponsor of the original Endangered Species Act back in 1972. <sup>(This year)</sup> ~~Not long ago~~, he wrote: "There is no question that the Act is being applied in a manner far beyond what any of us envisioned when we wrote it twenty years ago."

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But today, when harvesting on Federal timberland is stopped outright by 11 different lawsuits -- under 5 different statutes, each inconsistent with the other -- the balance has been lost. It's time to fight for jobs, families and communities.

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The time has come to talk sense about the Endangered Species Act, about the spotted owl, and about the management of our forests. Because ~~after all~~, people and their jobs deserve some protection too. *It is my firm belief that*

Let me be clear: the basic purpose of the Endangered Species Act is a good and noble one -- to save the rare and threatened species of this country.

But today, the Act and other laws are being used by people with extreme views, particularly here in Washington and Oregon,

to achieve in the courts what no sane elected official would ever vote for -- the complete lock-up of the most productive forests in the entire United States.

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The other side has been talking about a "false choice." They claim that this timber crisis is just politics. The simple fact is this: the false choice is being driven by extremists who are twisting the Endangered Species Act and its application to the Northern Spotted Owl.

Now let's set the record straight. We have always worked within the parameters of the law to address this problem -- but I can tell you this. The law is broken, and it must be fixed.

We have asked Congress for funds to cut enough timber in this region to keep people employed. But these conflicting laws allow challenge after challenge.

So this year, we sent Congress an alternative plan: a preservation plan that would save 17,000 jobs compared to the recovery plan required by the Act. Congress has failed to act.

My friends, it is time to consider the human factor in the spotted owl equation. My opponent talks about "putting people first" -- well, we can start right here in the Pacific Northwest.

Today, it's time to face one fact: the situation is out of control, and it must be addressed -- because the balance must be restored.

So here is what I propose:

First, I will not sign an extension of the Endangered Species Act unless it gives greater consideration to jobs, families, and communities. And I will not sign it without a specific plan in place to harvest enough timber to keep timber families working in 1993 and beyond. It's time to make people just as important as owls.

Second, I will fight to end the injunctions that have put an economic strangle-hold on the Northwest, in order to free up the timber that we need today -- because the families and the timber communities of the Pacific Northwest need relief now.

I call upon Congress to pass my plan to produce 2.6 billion board feet of timber from Forest Service lands in the Northwest Region next year -- and to pass language that prevents procedural lawsuits from stopping reasonable harvests with reasonable species protection. It's time to put people ahead of process.

Third, my Administration will speed up the harvesting of dead or dying timber that has been dangerously building up during a 7 year drought. One step is our new rule to allow more timber salvage operations to occur without triggering some of the time-

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Goal  
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Thank you, God bless you, and may God Bless the United States of America.

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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

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REMARKS:

**— MASTER —**

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 a.m., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Called 3:50 9/11  
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PHILLIP D. BRADY  
 Assistant to the President  
 and Staff Secretary  
 Ext. 2702

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(Porter)

(CEQ)

Delete "and" per Ross

Pres. Roosevelt

~~But Teddy Roosevelt said something else:~~ "In the West," he <sup>^</sup> said, "the forests should be so handled as to be in the interests of the actual home-maker. He should be encouraged to use them at once, but in such a way as to preserve and not exhaust them."

For the past four years, my Administration has <sup>S</sup> devoted a <sup>(Ross)</sup> great deal of thought and effort to protecting our environment. Like many of you, I love the outdoors and love to hunt and fish, And like you, I have learned through a lifetime of experience to appreciate and respect the beauty of the wilderness.

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(CEQ)  
We always lead w/ the CAA-- it's a yawner now. How about insert (A)? →

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(OMB)  
Gilman & Morin

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Four years ago, I promised to make the polluter pay. ~~The most~~ So much could be accomplished if we would just enforce the laws already on the books. And we have secured more penalties and prison terms for polluters in the last three years, than in the previous 18 years combined.

(also responds to yesterday's  
Dingell hearing)

Americans today, like Teddy Roosevelt three quarters of a century ago, realize that <sup>we can</sup> ~~the protection of~~ our lands <sup>while also using them for the benefit</sup> ~~is not inconsistent~~ <sup>of the people.</sup> ~~with their use.~~ <sup>They understand the need for wild areas, and recreation areas, as well as the need for paper for schools and offices, & timber for new homes.</sup> They care about the growth of our country, and about the ability of Americans to make a living. They understand <sup>X</sup> that stewardship does not mean stopping all progress.

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(Porter)

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Just this morning, I visited a place  
southern California where people are doing  
that ideal. Private land owners, developers,  
conservationists, and local officials are working  
together to protect wildlife habitat and ~~make~~  
economic growth in that ~~growth~~ region. By  
being so, they're trying to avoid the kind of  
federal intervention and economic paralysis  
that increasingly results from the endangered  
species Act.

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The application of the Endangered Species Act to these forests has gone far beyond what the drafters intended. ~~The balance has been lost.~~ (CEQ) ↗

The fact is that the Endangered Species Act was intended as a shield for species against the effects of major ~~Federal~~ construction projects like highways and dams -- not a sword aimed at the jobs, families, and communities of the Northwest. (CEQ)

Applied to federal & private projects (CEQ)

entire regions like

(not true! CEQ)

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(Porter)

(Porter) (CEQ)

When hundreds of mills have been shut down, thousands of timber workers <sup>have been</sup> thrown out of work, and revenues to communities for schools and other local services <sup>have been</sup> ~~slashed as a result~~, the balance has been lost. It's time to worry about jobs, families, and communities. (Counsel's)

Today, when interest groups can tie our Federal agencies up in knots by suing them under five different statutes enacted by Congress -- each inconsistent with the other -- the balance has been lost. It's time to worry about jobs, families, and communities.

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Are these suits actually filed? (CEQ)

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I have come to this great Pacific Northwest, to these beautiful and productive forests, to join you in saying: we must restore the balance. We must worry about jobs, families and communities. ~~Enough is enough.~~ (Ross)

The time has come to talk sense about the Endangered Species Act, about the spotted owl, and about the management of our forests. Because after all, people and their jobs deserve some (Porter) protection too.

Let me be clear: I care about protecting the environment. see insert (C) over (CEQ) →  
The basic purpose of the Endangered Species Act is a good and noble one: to save <sup>those rare and threatened</sup> the species of this country. → see other side for insert (Porter) →

But today, the Act is being used, particularly here in Washington and Oregon, to achieve in the courts, <sup>through legal acrobatics(?)</sup> what can't be (Porter) achieved through legislation or administrative procedure -- the complete lock-up of the most productive forests in the entire United States.

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and unnecessarily large] areas of Federal land are being set aside for the owl. And jobs, families and communities are being wiped out in the process.

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it was a federal scientific panel that recommended the larger area.  
(CEQ)

© In my efforts to strike the right balance, I've sponsored programs that planted 225 million trees, brought new funds to the cleanup of Puget Sound, and reached out to share American expertise with other nations. (EQ)

The Act was originally designed to keep antelope and bison from being hunted to extinction -- to keep bald eagles and wolves from being senselessly shot or trapped. (Porter)

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The simple fact is that when it comes to the Owl, the Act is too rigid -- and Congress is too timid.

Now let's set the record straight. We have always worked within the parameters of the law to address this problem -- <sup>and</sup> ~~but~~ I (Porter) can tell you this. The law is broken, and it must be fixed. <sup>There has to be a better way. (CEO)</sup>

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So this year, we asked Congress to make a choice. We showed them the Spotted Owl Recovery Plan, as required by the Endangered Species Act -- a plan that would cost this region <sup>32,000</sup> ~~30,000~~ jobs. (OMB) And, because that plan imposes too great a cost on the families and communities of the Pacific Northwest, we asked them to consider instead an alternative: a preservation plan that would cut that job loss in half.

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I spoke before about balance.

(Porter)

It is not balance when mills that have operated responsibly for generations are threatened with extinction because of a lack of ~~fiber~~ <sup>timber(?)</sup> from our public lands.

It is not balance when the Act prevents the mere consideration, at key points in the process, of costs that directly affect people and their livelihood -- of the human factor.

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Today, it's time to face one fact: the situation is out of control -- and it must be addressed...because the balance must be restored.

So ~~let me say this:~~ <sup>here is what I propose: (CEQ)</sup>

<sup>First,</sup> I will not sign ~~an extension~~ <sup>a reauthorization (CEQ)</sup> of the Endangered Species Act, <sup>unless it</sup> ~~that does not allow~~ <sup>s</sup> economics to be considered ~~x~~ and ~~that is not~~ accompanied ~~by~~ a specific plan to harvest enough timber to keep timber families working ~~in 1993 and beyond.~~ It's time to make people just as important as owls.

(CEQ)

(Porter)

I call upon Congress to pass my plan to cut 2.6 billion <sup>on Federal lands</sup> ~~board feet~~ <sup>(CEQ)</sup> in the ~~Forest Service~~ Pacific Northwest region next year -- and to tie that plan to language which <sup>prevents lawsuits</sup> ~~makes sure that a~~ ~~reasonable cut that provides protection for species cannot be~~ <sup>(CEQ)</sup> ~~blocked on procedural grounds.~~ <sup>Y</sup> ~~It's time to put people ahead of process.~~

see insert <sup>X</sup> from p. 8. Put in here.

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Third, My administration has recently announced several steps to speed up the harvesting of dead or dying timber. We (will shortly issue) a rule to allow <sup>more of</sup> these timber salvage operations to occur without triggering some of the ~~restrictive~~ and time-consuming ~~documentation laws~~ that ~~are disrupting the balance~~ today. → CEQ thinks it has already been issued.

(CEQ)

This will help in two ways: by reducing the risk of fire from the ~~large volume of~~ dead <sup>and</sup> dying trees <sup>in the</sup> ~~on our~~ forest floor; (CEQ) and by providing up to 450 million board feet of timber for the mills in the near term. It's time to protect jobs and put people back to work.

INSERT (X)

<sup>Second</sup> I will fight for legislative <sup>on</sup> language to end the injunctions that have put an economic strangle-hold on ~~the~~ Northwest. (CEQ)

INSERT (Y)

<sup>I'll fight</sup> ~~order~~ to free up the timber that we need today -- because the families and the timber communities of the Pacific Northwest need relief now.

(Porter)

~~And~~ I call upon Congress today to pass the Spotted Owl Preservation Plan -- Senator Gorton's bill -- because we must <sup>not just</sup> preserve the owl; we must preserve the <sup>(livelihood)</sup> of the Pacific Northwest; and we must preserve the jobs of the American people. (Porter)

is this consistent w/ or redundant w/ bottom of p. 7? (CEQ)

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<sup>Fourth</sup> Finally, I am today directing the Secretary of Commerce to increase the Federal ban on the export of raw logs from Washington State lands from 75 percent to 100 percent. It is time to make sure that mills in Washington have an opportunity to process timber grown on their state lands. Protectionist? (Counsel's)

Where are logs currently going? Foreign or to other states? (Porter)

Now, my opponents would have you believe that they, too are in favor of balance. ((They won't commit to any specific action)) to

And fifth, I'll work to bring people together, to encourage local initiatives that might avoid these tragic crises.

→ see p. 9

solve the problem. Their idea of balance is doublespeak -- promise both sides exactly what they want to hear.

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Now I know that the Governor of Arkansas is famous for being on both sides of every issue. But I hope you'll ask him -- for once -- to stop the rhetoric and take a stand. Families in the Northwest are at risk. So this is one issue where sincerity <sup>is</sup> ~~would be~~ better than slickness.

The plain truth is that the (other ticket is on the record) on this problem, and here is what they have said. <sup>→ sounds inconsistent w/ bottom of p. 8.</sup>

In his book, Senator Gore said this, and I quote: "I helped lead the successful fight to prevent the overturning of protections for the spotted owl." The reasoning offered was simple. The Senator said: "The jobs will be lost anyway." <sup>!!</sup> The-

<sup>↑</sup> This sounds more insensitive... and the second line is actually true. (CEQ)

He's trying to punt this issue down the road -- to have his cake and eat it, too, until election day. (Ross)

(Porter)

~~only question is whether the effort to create new jobs will begin now or later.~~ (Porter) (Counsel's) <sup>add</sup> The jobs will be lost anyway?!?  
 (CEQ)

Senator Gore and Governor Clinton don't realize that generation after generation of families -- families like the Vaagen brothers -- have made a living for their family, for their neighbors, and for their community -- not by locking these forests up, but by managing them wisely. By restoring what they take, so that the land can sustain the next generation and the one after that. After all, it's no ~~mistake~~ <sup>accident (CEQ)</sup> that America today ~~is~~ <sup>has</sup> ~~home to~~ <sup>(CEQ)</sup> more forest land than ~~it was~~ when Teddy Roosevelt was President. <sup>I want to keep people working and have more forest lands in America in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. (CEQ)</sup>

<sup>harsh! (CEQ)</sup> [The other side doesn't understand that leading the fight against any change in the tangled web of conflicting laws means leading the fight against your job and your family and your community and your way of life.]

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It's time we worried not only about endangered species -- <sup>also (CEQ)</sup> but about endangered jobs.

You know, the father of our national forest system, and one of America's great conservationists, Gifford Pinchot, once defined conservation this way: "Conservation means the wise use of the earth and its resources for the lasting good of men."

I have come here today to tell you that I am the candidate who will worry about jobs, families, and communities.

I have come here today to tell you that I will not stand for a solution that puts 30,000 people out of work. That is a non-solution. ~~And on my watch, it will not stand.~~ (Ross)

I have come here to tell you that we haven't forgotten about the human factor -- because in the end, that's the most important factor of all.

I have come here today to tell you that we can restore the balance, we must restore the balance, and with your help, we will restore the balance.

Thank you, God bless you, and may God Bless the United States of America.

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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 9/11/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: SAT. 9/12/92 10:00 a.m.

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VISIT TO VAAGAN BROS. LUMBER COMPANY COLVILLE, WASHINGTON - MONDAY, 9/14/92

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 a.m., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

*See Comments*

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
Assistant to the President  
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9/11/92

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS:

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VISIT TO VAAGAN BROS. LUMBER COMPANY  
COLVILLE, WASHINGTON  
Monday, September 14, 1992

*Senator Gordon*

Thank you, ~~Dwayne~~ Vaagan, for that introduction. And thanks to all of you for letting me visit with you today. Being out here in the great Pacific Northwest, I cannot help but think of Teddy Roosevelt.

He was the first President to really focus the attention of the Nation on the condition of our natural resources and the need to manage these treasures for the benefit of future generations. He said: "Neither man nor nation can prosper unless, in dealing with the present, thought is steadily taken for the future." And he was right.

But Teddy Roosevelt said something else: "In the West," he said, "the forests should be so handled as to be in the interests of the actual home-maker. He should be encouraged to use them at once, but in such a way as to preserve and not exhaust them."

For the past four years, my Administration had devoted a great deal of thought and effort to protecting our environment. Like many of you, I love the outdoors and love to hunt and fish, And like you, I have learned through a lifetime of experience to appreciate and respect the beauty of the wilderness.

I know that you -- you who have chosen to live in these woods -- respect and revere these forests as others cannot. And you resent the implication that earning your livelihood here -- with sound management of the forest -- makes you less of an

environmentalist than the city dweller or the suburbanite. I have come here today because I understand.

For the last four years, we have worked to protect the environment -- and we have accomplished a great deal.

Four years ago, I promised Americans a new Clean Air Act. For 13 years, the Congress was stuck in gridlock and had passed no clean air law. But we proposed a new one, we negotiated it through a divided Congress, and I proudly signed it into law. That law will cut acid rain in half, reduce smog in our cities, and get toxic pollutants out of the air.

Four years ago, I promised that I would protect the environmentally sensitive areas of our coasts from offshore drilling. And today, there will be no drilling off the coast of California, off the coasts of Washington and Oregon not far from here, off the Florida Keys, off the New England coast, because we have placed those areas under a moratorium until the next century.

Four years ago, I promised to be a good steward of our public lands. And we have added thousands of miles of trails for Americans like you who love the outdoors, we are reopening and upgrading campsites all across America, and we have added over a million and half acres to our National Parks and Wildlife Refuges and Forests and recreation lands.

The fact is that every American cares about the environment -- and most consider themselves environmentalists. That is particularly true here in the Pacific Northwest. But

Americans today, like Teddy Roosevelt three quarters of a century ago, realize that the protection of our lands is not inconsistent with their use. They care about the growth of our country, and about the ability of Americans to make a living. They understand, that stewardship does not mean stopping all progress.

As Teddy Roosevelt said: "wise protection of resources does not mean the withdrawal of those resources from contributing their full share to the welfare of the people."

What President Roosevelt had in mind, and what the American people have always wanted, is balance. But in these ancient forests, the balance has been lost.

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But today, when all harvesting on Federal timberland is stopped outright by 11 different lawsuits, the balance has been lost. It's time factor in the worries about jobs, families and communities.

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Today, when interest groups can tie our Federal agencies up in knots by suing them under five different statutes enacted by Congress -- each inconsistent with the other -- the balance has been lost. It's time to worry about jobs, families, and communities.

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I have come to this great Pacific Northwest, to these beautiful and productive forests, to join you in saying: we must restore the balance. We must worry about jobs, families and communities. Enough is enough.

The time has come to talk sense about the Endangered Species Act, about the spotted owl, and about the management of our forests. Because after all, people and their jobs deserve some protection too.

Let me be clear: I care about protecting the environment. The basic purpose of the Endangered Species Act is a good and noble one: to save the species of this country.

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Should include quote from Packwood - leader of endangered species issues  
 "Some of the best stewards of our lands are the people who work in the woods."  
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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 9/11/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: A.S.A.P.

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BURRILL LUMBER COMPANY, MEDFORD OREGON

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1992

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 Also, these remarks are similar to the ones staffed for the Colville, WA event. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

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**PHILLIP D. BRADY**  
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 Ext. 2702

9/11/92

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS:     BURRILL LUMBER COMPANY  
                              MEDFORD, OREGON  
                              Monday, September 14, 1992

Thank you, Senator Bob Packwood, for that introduction. And thanks to all of you for letting me visit with you today. Being out here in the great Pacific Northwest, I cannot help but think of Teddy Roosevelt.

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For the past four years, my Administration had devoted a great deal of thought and effort to protecting our environment. Like many of you, I love the outdoors and love to hunt and fish, And like you, I have learned through a lifetime of experience to appreciate and respect the beauty of the wilderness.

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For the last four years, we have worked to protect the environment -- and we have accomplished a great deal.

Four years ago, I promised Americans a new Clean Air Act. For 13 years, the Congress was stuck in gridlock and had passed no clean air law. But we proposed a new one, we negotiated it through a divided Congress, and I proudly signed it into law. That law will cut acid rain in half, reduce smog in our cities, and get toxic pollutants out of the air.

Four years ago, I promised that I would protect the environmentally sensitive areas of our coasts from offshore drilling. And today, there will be no drilling off the coast of California, off the coasts of Washington and Oregon not far from here, off the Florida Keys, off the New England coast, because we have placed those areas under a moratorium until the year 2000.

Four years ago, I promised to be a good steward of our public lands. And we have added thousands of miles of trails for Americans like you who love the outdoors, we are reopening and upgrading campsites all across America, and we have added over a million and half acres to our National Parks and Wildlife Refuges and Forests and recreation lands.

The fact is that every American cares about the environment -- and most consider themselves environmentalists. That is particularly true here in the Pacific Northwest. But Americans today, like Teddy Roosevelt three quarters of a century

ago, realize that the protection of our lands is not inconsistent with their use. They care about the growth of our country, and about the ability of Americans to make a living. They understand, that stewardship does not mean stopping all progress.

As Teddy Roosevelt said: "wise protection of resources does not mean the withdrawal of those resources from contributing their full share to the welfare of the people."

What President Roosevelt had in mind, and what the American people have always wanted, is balance. But in these ancient forests, the balance has been lost.

Not far from here, in the state of Washington, is a timber town called Forks. Forks supported a mill, and the mill supported the town. And the town gave life to a community. Today, unemployment in Forks is at 20 percent -- more than double what it was just two years ago. The car dealership has closed. The clothing store is gone. The movie theatre -- shut down. Domestic violence complaints have doubled, just in the last year. The community has been ravaged.

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manner far beyond what any of us envisioned when we wrote it twenty years ago."

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Today, when interest groups can tie our Federal agencies up in knots by suing them under five different statutes enacted by Congress -- each inconsistent with the other -- the balance has been lost. It's time to worry about jobs, families, and communities.

Today, when a class project at Wesleyan University in Connecticut is to come up with lawsuits to stop people from earning a living in the Northwest -- when students can play games

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The time has come to talk sense about the Endangered Species Act, about the spotted owl, and about the management of our forests. Because after all, people and their jobs deserve some protection too.

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We have asked Congress for funds to cut enough timber in this region to keep people employed. But these conflicting laws allow challenge after challenge.

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It is not balance when the Act prevents the mere consideration, at key points in the process, of costs that directly affect people and their livelihood -- of the human factor.

My friends, it is time to consider the human factor in the spotted owl equation. My opponent talks about "putting people first" -- well, we can start right here in the Pacific Northwest.

Today, it's time to face one fact: the situation is out of control -- and it must be addressed...because the balance must be restored.

So let me say this:

I will not sign an extension of the Endangered Species Act that does not allow economics to be considered [in the listing process], and that is not accompanied buy a specific plan to harvest enough timber to keep timber families working in 1993 and beyond. It's time to make people just as important as owls.

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I will fight for legislative language to end the injunctions that have put an economic strangle-hold on the Northwest, in order to free up the timber that we need today -- because the families and the timber communities of the Pacific Northwest need relief now.

And I call upon Congress today to pass the Spotted Owl Preservation Plan -- Senator Slade Gorton's bill -- because we must preserve the owl; we must preserve the livelihood of the Pacific Northwest; and we must preserve the jobs of the American people.

Now, my opponents would have you believe that they, too are in favor of balance. They won't commit to any specific action to

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The other side doesn't understand that leading the fight against any change in the tangled web of conflicting laws means leading the fight against your job and your family and your community and your way of life.

Or maybe they do understand. But I ask you only to do this: let them know that you understand, too. And do not be fooled by this doublespeak.

It's time we worried not only about endangered species -- but about endangered jobs.

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I have come here today to tell you that I am the candidate who will worry about jobs, families, and communities.

I have come here today to tell you that I will not stand for a solution that puts 30,000 people out of work. That is a non-solution. And on my watch, it will not stand.

I have come here to tell you that we haven't forgotten about the human factor -- because in the end, that's the most important factor of all.

I have come here today to tell you that we can restore the balance, we must restore the balance, and with your help, we will restore the balance.

Thank you, God bless you, and may God Bless the United States of America.

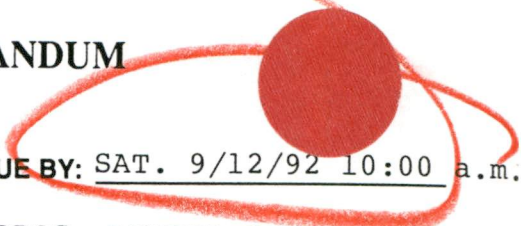
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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM



DATE: 9/11/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: SAT. 9/12/92 10:00 a.m.

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VISIT TO VAAGAN BROS. LUMBER COMPANY COLVILLE, WASHINGTON - MONDAY, 9/14/92

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Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 a.m., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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Assistant to the President  
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Ext. 2702

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VISIT TO VAAGAN BROS. LUMBER COMPANY  
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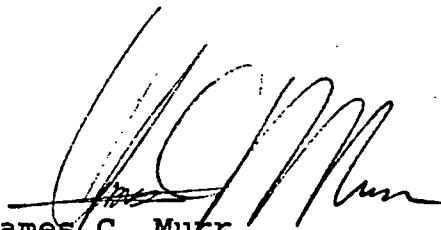


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James C. Murr  
Associate Director for  
Legislative Reference  
and Administration

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DATE: 9/11/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: SAT. 9/12/92 10:00 a.m.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 11, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR COMMUNICATION

FROM:

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ROBERT T. SWANSON  
ASSISTANT COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: Visit to Vaagan Bros.  
Lumber Company, Colville, Washington

At your request, Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced matter. We have no legal objection, comments as indicated on the attached draft.

Attachment

cc: Phillip D. Brady

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/11/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: SAT. 9/12/92 10:00 a.m.

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VISIT TO VAAGAN BROS. LUMBER COMPANY  
COLVILLE, WASHINGTON - MONDAY, 9/14/92

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Visit to Vaagan Bros.  
Lumber Company

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

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 9/11/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: SAT. 9/12/92 10:00 a.m.

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I have come here today to tell you that I am the candidate who will worry about jobs, families, and communities.

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I have come here today to tell you that I will not stand for a solution that puts 30,000 people out of work. That is a non-solution. And on my watch, it will not stand.

I have come here to tell you that we haven't forgotten about the human factor -- because in the end, that's the most important factor of all.

I have come here today to tell you that we can restore the balance, we must restore the balance, and with your help, we will restore the balance.

Thank you, God bless you, and may God Bless the United States of America.

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I have come here today to tell you that I will not stand for a solution that puts 30,000 people out of work. That is a non-solution. And on my watch, it will not stand.

I have come here to tell you that we haven't forgotten about the human factor -- because in the end, that's the most important factor of all.

I have come here today to tell you that we can restore the balance, we must restore the balance, and with your help, we will restore the balance.

Thank you, God bless you, and may God Bless the United States of America.

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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 9/11/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 9/12/92 10:00 a.m.

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VISIT TO VAAGAN BROS. LUMBER COMPANY COLVILLE, WASHINGTON - MONDAY, 9/14/92

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 a.m., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS:

VISIT TO VAAGAN BROS. LUMBER COMPANY  
COLVILLE, WASHINGTON  
Monday, September 14, 1992

Thank you, Dwayne Vaagan, for that introduction. And thanks to all of you for letting me visit with you today. Being out here in the great Pacific Northwest, I cannot help but think of Teddy Roosevelt.

He was the first President to really focus the attention of the Nation on the condition of our natural resources and the need to manage these treasures for the benefit of <sup>present And</sup> future generations.

~~He said: "Neither man nor nation can prosper unless, in dealing with the present, thought is steadily taken for the future." And he was right.~~

~~But Teddy Roosevelt said something else: "In the West," he said, "the forests should be so handled as to be in the interests of the actual home-maker. He should be encouraged to use them at once, but in such a way as to preserve and not exhaust them."~~

For the past four years, my Administration had devoted a great deal of thought and effort to protecting our environment. Like many of you, I love the outdoors and love to hunt and fish, and like you, I have learned through a lifetime of experience to appreciate and respect the beauty of the wilderness.

I know that you -- you who have chosen to live in these woods -- respect and revere these forests as others cannot. And you resent the implication that earning your livelihood here -- with sound management of the forest -- makes you less of an

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environmentalist than the city dweller or the suburbanite. I have come here today because I understand.

For the last four years, we have worked to protect the environment -- and we have accomplished a great deal.

[Four years ago, I promised Americans a new Clean Air Act. For 13 years, the Congress was stuck in gridlock and had passed no clean air law. But we proposed a new one, we negotiated it through a divided Congress, and I proudly signed it into law. That law will cut acid rain in half, reduce smog in our cities, and get toxic pollutants out of the air.]

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Four years ago, I promised that I would protect the environmentally sensitive areas of our coasts from offshore drilling. And today, there will be no drilling off the coast of California, off the coasts of Washington and Oregon not far from here, off the Florida Keys, off the New England coast, because we have placed those areas under a moratorium until the next century.

Four years ago, I promised to be a good steward of our public lands. And we have added thousands of miles of trails for Americans like you who love the outdoors, we are reopening and upgrading campsites all across America, and we have added over a million and half acres to our National Parks and Wildlife Refuges and Forests and recreation lands.

The fact is that every American cares about the environment -- and most consider themselves environmentalists. That is particularly true here in the Pacific Northwest. But

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Four years ago, I promised to make the polluter pay. ~~The most~~ So much could be accomplished if we would just enforce the laws already on the books. And we have secured more penalties and prison terms for polluters in the last three years, than in the previous 18 years combined.

(also responds to yesterday's  
Dingell hearing)

Americans today, like Teddy Roosevelt three quarters of a century ago, realize that <sup>we CAN</sup> the protection of our lands ~~is not inconsistent~~ <sup>while also using them for the</sup> benefit of the people. <sup>They understand</sup> the need for wild areas, and <sup>with their use.</sup> They care about the growth of our country, and <sup>for schools and offices,</sup> recreation areas, as well as the need for paper, and timber for <sup>new homes. and all</sup> about the ability of Americans to make a living. They ~~understand~~ <sup>understand</sup> that stewardship does not mean stopping all progress. ~~kind of~~ <sup>Products</sup>

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As Teddy Roosevelt said: "wise protection of resources does not mean the withdrawal of those resources from contributing their full share to the welfare of the people." ]

What President Roosevelt had in mind, and what the American people have always wanted, is balance. But in these ancient forests, the balance has been lost.

Not far from here is a timber town called Forks. Like Corville, Forks supported a mill, and the mill supported the town. And the town gave life to a community. Today, unemployment in Forks is at 20 percent -- more than double what it was just two years ago. The car dealership has closed. The clothing store is gone. The movie theatre -- shut down. Domestic violence complaints have doubled, just in the last year. The community has been ravaged.

Forks is in crisis for a simple reason: the balance has been lost.

My friends, I have come here because we must restore the balance.

I want to quote you something from Oregon's Senator Mark Hatfield, who has served in the Senate long enough to remember the creation of the Endangered Species Act. Not long ago, he

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Just this morning, I visited a place in southern California where people are demonstrating that ideal. Private land owners, developers, conservationists, and local officials are working together to protect wildlife habitat and ~~ensure~~ <sup>make room for</sup> economic growth in that ~~growth~~ region. By doing so, they're trying to avoid the kind of federal intervention and economic paralysis that increasingly results from the Endangered Species Act.

wrote: "There is no question that the Act is being applied in manner far beyond what any of us envisioned when we wrote it twenty years ago."

The application of the Endangered Species Act to these forests has gone far beyond what the drafters intended. [The balance has been lost.]

(Applied to Federal and private projects)

The fact is that the Endangered Species Act was intended as a shield for species against the effects of major Federal ~~CONSTRUCTION~~ projects like highways and dams -- not a sword aimed at the jobs, families, and communities of the Northwest.

But today, when <sup>(NOT TRUE)</sup> ~~all~~ harvesting on Federal timberland is stopped outright by 11 different lawsuits, the balance has been lost. It's time <sup>TO</sup> factor in the worries about jobs, families and communities.

When hundreds of mills have been shut down, thousands of timber workers <sup>have been</sup> thrown out of work, and revenues to communities for schools and other local services <sup>have been</sup> slashed as a result, the balance has been lost. It's time to worry about jobs, families, and communities.

Today, when interest groups can tie our Federal agencies up in knots by suing them under five different statutes enacted by Congress -- each inconsistent with the other -- the balance has been lost. It's time to worry about jobs, families, and communities.

[Today, when a class project at Wesleyan University in Connecticut is to come up with lawsuits to stop people from

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earning a living in the Northwest -- when students can play games with people's lives -- the balance has been lost. It's time to worry about jobs, families, and communities.]

I have come to this great Pacific Northwest, to these beautiful and productive forests, to join you in saying: we must restore the balance. We must worry about jobs, families and communities. Enough is enough.

The time has come to talk sense about the Endangered Species Act, about the spotted owl, and about the management of our forests. Because after all, people and their jobs deserve some protection too.

Let me be clear: I care about protecting the environment. The basic purpose of the Endangered Species Act is a good and noble one: to <sup>prevent extinction of</sup> save the species of this country.

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But today, the Act is being used, particularly here in Washington and Oregon, to achieve in the courts what can't be achieved through legislation or administrative procedure -- the complete lock-up of the most productive forests in the entire United States.

The Endangered Species Act, in its current form as interpreted by some courts and as driven by the Democrats in Congress, has forced a radical approach and created an unnecessarily tragic situation here in the Northwest. Massive [and unnecessarily large] areas of Federal land are being set aside for the owl. And jobs, families and communities are being wiped out in the process.

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© In my efforts to strike the right balance, I've sponsored programs that planted 225 million trees, brought new funds to the cleanup of Puget Sound, and reached out to share American expertise with other nations. (EQ)

You know, the other side has been talking lately about a "false choice." They claim that this timber crisis is just politics. The simple fact is this: the false choice is being driven by the Endangered Species Act and its application to the Northern Spotted Owl. It is being driven by those in Congress who have permitted this crisis to go unresolved.

The simple fact is that when it comes to the Owl, the Act is too rigid -- and Congress is too timid.

Now let's set the record straight. We have always worked within the parameters of the law to address this problem -- but I can tell you this. The law is broken, and it must be fixed.

We have asked Congress for funds to cut enough timber in this region to keep people employed. But these conflicting laws allow challenge after challenge.

So this year, we asked congress to make a choice. We showed them the Spotted Owl Recovery Plan, as required by the Endangered Species Act -- a plan that would cost this region 30,000 jobs. And, because that plan imposes too great a cost on the families and communities of the Pacific Northwest, we asked them to consider instead an alternative: a preservation plan that would cut that job loss in half.

We sent Congress a bill that would help save 15,000 jobs. And Congress has failed to act. So while the gridlock Congress stalls, no timber is being cut -- and your jobs are disappearing alot faster than the owl.

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There has to be  
a better way.

It is not balance when mills that have operated responsibly for generations are threatened with extinction because of a lack of fiber from our public lands.

It is not balance when the Act prevents the mere consideration, at key points in the process, of costs that directly affect people and their livelihood -- of the human factor.

My friends, it is time to consider the human factor in the spotted owl equation. My opponent talks about "putting people first" -- well, we can start right here in the Pacific Northwest.

Today, it's time to face one fact: the situation is out of control -- and it must be addressed...because the balance must be restored.

here is what I propose:

So let me say this:

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I will not sign <sup>a reauthorization</sup> an extension of the Endangered Species Act, unless it ~~that does not allow~~ economics to be considered, and that is ~~not~~ accompanied by a specific plan to harvest enough timber to keep timber families working ~~in 1993 and beyond~~. It's time to make people just as important as owls.

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(X) I call upon Congress to pass my plan to cut 2.6 billion board feet in the ~~Forest Service~~ Pacific Northwest region next year -- and to tie that plan to language which <sup>prevents lawsuits</sup> ~~makes sure that a reasonable cut that provides protection for species cannot be blocked on procedural grounds.~~ (Y) ~~It's time to put people ahead of process.~~

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Third,

My administration has recently announced several steps to speed up the harvesting of dead or dying timber. We will shortly issue a rule to allow <sup>more of</sup> these timber salvage operations to occur without triggering some of the ~~restrictive~~ and time-consuming <sup>documentation</sup> laws that ~~are disrupting the balance~~ <sup>is slowing down these sales</sup> today.

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This will help in two ways: by reducing the risk of fire from the ~~large volume of~~ <sup>and</sup> dead or dying trees ~~on our~~ <sup>in the</sup> forest floor; and by providing up to 450 million board feet <sup>of</sup> of timber for the mills in the near term. It's time to protect jobs and put people back to work.

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Second, I will fight for legislative <sup>on</sup> language to end the injunctions that have put an economic strangle-hold on the Northwest.

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~~I will fight~~ <sup>I will fight</sup> to free up the timber that we need today -- because the families and the timber communities of the Pacific Northwest need relief now.

And I call upon Congress today to pass the Spotted Owl Preservation Plan -- Senator Gorton's bill -- because we must preserve the owl; we must preserve the livelihood of the Pacific Northwest; and we must preserve the jobs of the American people.

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~~Fourth~~ <sup>Finally</sup>, I am today directing the Secretary of Commerce to increase the Federal ban on the export of raw logs from Washington State lands from 75 percent to 100 percent. It is time to make sure that mills in Washington have an opportunity to process timber grown on their state lands.

Now, my opponents would have you believe that they, too are in favor of balance. They won't commit to any specific action to

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And fifth, I'll work to bring people together, to encourage local initiatives ~~that~~ that might avoid these tragic crises.

solve the problem. Their idea of balance is doublespeak -- promise both sides exactly what they want to hear.

When Bill Clinton spoke on Earth Day back in Pennsylvania, he earned the praise of the Sierra Club for "promising the protection of Old Growth forests in the Pacific Northwest." He wanted their endorsement, and he got it.

Now, just recently, with the election nearing, he has come to Oregon to hold out false hope to timber families by promising a meeting. Classic doublespeak. But we should face one fact. This problem isn't going to be solved with one meeting. We've had enough meetings, it's time for action.

Bill Clinton says that he'll have his meeting within 100 days. Well, we've been meeting for two years. What's needed is a change in law. I will fight for it. Bill Clinton will not.

Now I know that the Governor of Arkansas is famous for being on both sides of every issue. But I hope you'll ask him -- for once -- to stop the rhetoric and take a stand. Families in the Northwest are at risk. So this is one issue where sincerity would be better than slickness.

The plain truth is that the other ticket is on the record on this problem, and here is what they have said.

In his book, Senator Gore said this, and I quote: "I helped lead the successful fight to prevent the overturning of protections for the spotted owl." The reasoning offered was simple. The Senator said: "The jobs will be lost anyway. [The

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only question is whether the effort to create new jobs will begin now or later.]"

Senator Gore and Governor Clinton don't realize that generation after generation of families -- families like the Vaagen brothers -- have made a living for their family, for their neighbors, and for their community -- not by locking these forests up, but by managing them wisely. By restoring what they take, so that the land can sustain the next generation and the one after that. After all, it's no <sup>accident</sup> ~~mistake~~ that America today <sup>has</sup> ~~is~~ ~~home to~~ more forest land than ~~it was~~ when Teddy Roosevelt was President. *I want to keep people working and have more forest lands in America in the 21st century.*

*harsh* [The other side doesn't understand that leading the fight against any change in the tangled web of conflicting laws means leading the fight against your job and your family and your community and your way of life.]

Or maybe they do understand. But I ask you only to do this: let them know that you understand, too. And do not be fooled by this doublespeak.

It's time we worried not only about endangered species -- but <sup>also</sup> about endangered jobs.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary  
(Colville, Washington)

For Immediate Release

September 14, 1992

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
TO EMPLOYEES OF VAAGEN BROTHERS LUMBER COMPANY

Vaagen Brothers Lumber Company  
Colville, Washington

1:09 P.M. PDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very much. What a wonderful welcome. (Applause.) And may I thank your very special Senator, Senator Slade Gorton, for that introduction, and much more for all he does for this great state back in Washington, D.C. You have an outstanding Senator. (Applause.) And thanks to Dwayne Vaagen, and all of the rest of you for letting us visit here today. I know we've disrupted not only this wonderful facility, but a lot of things around town. And I'm grateful to the Mayor, Mayor Scott, and the police officials and everybody else who assist in the planning and the success of a visit like this.

I'll tell you, I really enjoyed flying in here in that helicopter. And for those of you who haven't been up there, there are a lot of trees around here. So don't listen to some of the critics -- (applause.)

You know, last week out in Detroit, I released an Agenda for American Renewal. I see a sign back there on that. And the agenda was based on a fundamental premise: that the challenges America faces -- foreign, domestic and economic, and, yes, environmental -- are connected, they're linked. And the solution to one cannot be divorced from the solution to the other. We need an integrated approach.

We need to bring this integrated approach to the relationship between the economy and the environment. Environmental protection and economic growth must go hand in hand, they can't be divorced from each other. This morning down in southern California, I spoke about ways to bring them together. But frankly, I believe that when it comes to the Endangered Species Act and its application here in the Northwest, the balance has simply been lost.

Like many of you, I love to hunt and hike and fish. And I love the outdoors. (Applause.) And like you, I have learned through a lifetime of experience to appreciate and respect the wilderness. I know that you, and you who have chosen to live in this beautiful part of the country -- respect and revere these forests as others never can. (Applause.) And you resent the implication that earning your livelihood here -- with sound management of the forest -- makes you less of a conservationist than the city dweller or the suburbanite. (Applause.)

For the past -- and I'm proud of this record, although I don't have the endorsement of some of the extreme environmental groups -- but for the past four years, we've worked hard to protect our precious environment -- and we've accomplished a great deal. Four years ago, I promised Americans a new Clean Air Act. For over a decade, no one could get it done. But we did. My Clean Air Act reduces smog in our cities, and gets toxic pollutants out of the air and will cut acid rain in half.

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Four years ago, I promised I would protect the environmentally sensitive areas off our coasts from the excesses of offshore drilling. And today, there will be no drilling off the coast of California or Washington and Oregon not far from here, off the Florida Keys, off the New England coast. We have banned ocean drilling until the year 2000.

Four years ago, I promised to be a good steward of our public lands. And we've added thousands of miles of trails for Americans like you who love the outdoors. We're reopening and upgrading campsites all across America. And we've added a million and a half acres to our national parks, wildlife areas, forests and recreation lands.

The fact is that every American cares about the environment -- and most consider themselves environmentalists. That is particularly true here in the Pacific Northwest. And yet Americans today realize that we can protect our lands while also using them for people's benefit. (Applause.) They understand the need for wilderness and recreation areas, as well as the need for paper for our schools and offices and timber for new homes.

Being out here in the great Pacific Northwest, I'm reminded of Teddy Roosevelt -- the very first President to focus the attention of the nation on the condition of our natural resources. Teddy Roosevelt once said this: "Wise forest protection does not mean the withdrawal of forest resources from contributing their full share to the welfare of the people." What President Roosevelt had in mind, and what the American people have always wanted, is balance. (Applause.)

Not far from here is a timber town called Forks. Like Colville, Forks supported a mill, and the mill supported a community. Because of a lack of timber, the mill had to close. Today unemployment in Forks is at 20 percent. The car dealership has closed. The clothing store -- gone. The movie theater -- shut down. Domestic violence complaints have doubled, just in the past year.

Forks is in crisis for a simple reason: the balance that I was talking about, that balance has been lost. I've come here because we must restore the balance. (Applause.) Listen to Oregon's Senator Mark Hatfield, who was a cosponsor of the original Endangered Species Act back in 1972. This year, he wrote: "There is no question that the act is being applied in a manner far beyond what any of us envisioned when we wrote it 20 years ago."

The Endangered Species Act was intended as a shield for species against the effects of major construction projects like highways and dams -- not a sword aimed at jobs and families and communities of the entire regions like the Northwest. (Applause.)

But today, when harvesting on federal timberland is stopped outright by 13 different lawsuits, under seven different statutes, each inconsistent with the other -- the balance has been lost. It's time to fight for jobs, families and communities. (Applause.)

The time has come to talk sensibly. When hundreds of mills have been shut down, thousands of timber workers thrown out of work, and revenues for schools and other local services have been slashed, the balance has been lost. And it's time to fight for jobs, families, and communities. (Applause.)

And so, as I say, we must talk sense about the Endangered Species Act, about the spotted owl, and about the management of our forests. Because it is my firm belief that people and their jobs deserve protection, too. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: What about AIDS? What about AIDS?

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**THE PRESIDENT:** Let me digress for one minute -- let me digress. This man has asked a question here. I hadn't planned to discuss this. His question is -- if you'll listen, sir, I'll explain to you what about AIDS. AIDS is a serious problem. Under my administration we've appropriated \$4.3 billion, ten times as much per victim as for cancer. We've asked for \$4.9 billion. We are the leaders in research, and we're going to keep on fighting until we get this thing whipped. (Applause.)

Now, let me go back to the Endangered Species Act. And let me be clear: The basic purpose of the Endangered Species Act is good and noble -- to save the rare and threatened species of this country. But today, the act and other laws are being used by people with extreme views, particularly here in Washington and Oregon, to achieve in the courts what no sane official would ever have voted for -- the complete lock-up of the most productive forests in the entire United States.

The Endangered Species Act, as rigidly interpreted by some courts and as driven by the Congress, has forced an extreme approach and created an unnecessarily tragic situation here in the Northwest. Massive areas of federal land are being set aside for the owl -- virtually ignoring the fact that two-thirds of the Northwest's old-growth forests are already designated as parks, wilderness, or other classifications. (Applause.) Other classifications that prevent harvesting. And each pair of owls -- listen, America -- gets 3,500 acres to itself, while jobs, families and communities are being wiped out in the process. (Applause.)

And the other side has been talking about a false choice. They claim that this timber crisis is just politics, and the simple fact is this: The false choice is being driven by extremists who are twisting the Endangered Species Act and its application to the Northern Spotted Owl. (Applause.) So I came up here to set the record straight. And let's do that for the entire country, right here. We have always worked within the parameters of the law to address this problem. But I can tell you this: The law is broken, and it must be fixed. (Applause.)

We have asked the United States Congress for funds to cut enough timber in this region to keep people employed. But these conflicting laws allow challenge after challenge. So this year we sent Congress an alternative plan -- a preservation plan that would save 17,000 jobs compared to the recovery plan required by the act. And Congress has simply failed to act.

My friends, it is time to consider the human factor in the Spotted Owl equation. (Applause.) My opponent talks about putting people first. Well, we can start right here in the Pacific Northwest. And, so, here's what I propose. Here's what I propose. First, I will not sign an extension the Endangered Species Act unless it gives greater consideration to jobs. And to families and to communities, too. And I will not sign it without a specific plan in place to harvest enough timber to keep timber families working in 1993 and beyond. It is time to make people more important than owls. (Applause.)

And, second, I will fight to end the injunctions that have put an economic stranglehold on the Northwest in order to free up the timber that we need today, because the families and the timber communities of the Pacific Northwest need relief now.

And I call upon Congress to pass my plan to produce 2.6 billion board feet of timber from Forest Service lands in the Northwest region next year and to pass language that prevents lawsuits from stopping reasonable harvests with reasonable species protection. (Applause.) It is time to put people ahead of process.

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Second, I will fight to end the injunctions that have put an economic strangle-hold on the Northwest, in order to free up the timber that we need today -- because the families and the timber communities of the Pacific Northwest need relief now.

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Third, my Administration will speed the harvesting of dead or dying timber that has been dangerously building up during a 7-year drought. One step is our new rule to allow more timber salvage operations to occur without triggering some of the time-consuming requirements that are blocking progress. This will reduce the risk of fire, it'll provide up to 450 million board feet of timber for the mills in the near term. And it's time, then, to protect jobs with timber that's available now. (Applause.)

And fourth, we will make sure that 100 percent of the raw logs from Washington State-owned public lands are processed here. It's time to put the mills back to work. (Applause.)

And, finally, I call upon Congress to pass the Spotted Owl Preservation Plan -- and that's Senator Gorton's bill which he calls "the Northern Spotted Owl Preservation and Northwest Economic Stabilization Act of 1992." It's time to preserve both owls and jobs. And that's what Slade Gorton's act does, and he helps the families in the process. (Applause.)

Now, the Senator mentioned my opponent, so I will, too. (Laughter.) My opponent's approach to this problem -- to your jobs -- is doublespeak. When Bill Clinton spoke in Pennsylvania, he said what the Sierra Club wanted to hear. They concluded that Governor Clinton was -- quote -- "promising the protection of old growth forests in the Pacific Northwest." And then, when he heard I was coming here, Mr. Clinton cynically held out false hope to timber families by promising -- get this -- another meeting.

There have already been more than 40 bipartisan meetings of the Northwest congressional delegation on this issue for three years. Now, here, you wondered what these are -- these are the studies. Look at them. We don't need any more studies of this problem. We need action in the United States Congress. Good heavens! (Applause.) We've produced a pile of studies and proposals that high. The best thing for the timber industry is all the trees it took to print these reports. No more studies, let's change the law. Let's change the law. (Applause.)

And the difference on this is clear. The difference on this is clear. It's as simple as this: My opponent will not fight to change the law to restore balance. And now I know that he's getting famous for being on both sides of every issue. (Laughter.)

Do you want to know the real views of the other ticket? Senator Gore wrote it in black and white in his book, before he knew that he'd be looking for your votes.

In his book, Senator Gore said this, and I quote: "I helped lead the successful fight to prevent the overturning of protections for the Spotted Owl." And Senator Gore wrote, and I quote: "...the jobs will be lost anyway." I challenge Governor Clinton: Do you agree with your running mate? Do you endorse the book that you once called "magnificent"?

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It is time we worried not only about endangered species -- but about endangered jobs, jobs in the timber industry and in agriculture, and in transportation and in recreation as well -- (applause) -- all of those are threatened by the Endangered Species Act. (Applause.)

I have come here to tell you that I am a candidate who will respect wildlife, yes -- but who will also fight for jobs, and families, and communities. And I have come here to tell you that I will not stand for a solution that puts at least 32,000 people out of work. I can tell you -- that solution will not stand. (Applause.)

And I have come here to tell you that we haven't forgotten about the human factor -- because in the end, no matter how you look at it, that's the most important factor of all.

I have come here today to tell you that we can restore the balance, and we must restore the balance, and with your help, we will restore the balance.

Thank you, And may God bless you. And may God Bless the United States of America. Thank you all very much. Thank you. (Applause.)

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