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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: UNIVERSITY PLAZA CONVENTION CENTER
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1992
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

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It makes you wonder. Before this campaign is over, we may have to find an even better word than "slick."

Now to the environment. I love to hike -- camp in the woods. You've heard me talk about the importance of protecting the environment many times. But to me real eloquence is action -- and I have acted. There's our historic Clean Air Act -- cutting acid rain in half. We've banished offshore oil rigs from sensitive beaches on both coasts -- and added a billion dollars worth of new forests and parks for our children to enjoy.

And in the past three years, our Environmental Protection Agency has assessed more than half of all the civil penalties and criminal fines in EPA's history -- more than \$200 million. To those who spoil our lakes and air we are saying -- Mess with our children's health and you will pay.

Those are facts -- that's the record. But Candidate Clinton calls America's environmental record since 1989 a "disaster." He promises a -- quote -- "real environmental policy" that will -- quote -- "challenge Americans and demand responsibility at every level."

My advice: Let's take Candidate Clinton at his word. Demand that candidates run on their records -- not from them. I'll stand by mine. Let's see if he can stand on his.

Earlier this year, my opponent was asked to name a single Arkansas law that exceeds federal environmental standards. He couldn't -- not one. The Governor has accepted generous campaign contributions and free plane rides from Arkansas's powerful chicken industry. The industry is the ultimate source of -- ((I'll put this as delicately as I can)) -- fecal coliform bacteria, which

pollutes hundreds of miles of Arkansas rivers. Governor Clinton did create an Animal Waste Task Force to deal with the issue. But the Task Force subcommittee is headed by a chicken executive. They decided that controls on chicken litter should be voluntary.

((I guess in Arkansas -- some things do run thicker than water.))

Last year, the Institute for Southern Studies released an extraordinarily detailed, state-by-state study of environmental quality and progress. Let me quote the Institute's Research Director: "In the areas of policy -- laws passed, not task forces or commissions set up to study a problem -- Arkansas was 50th, the worst in the nation."

Candidate Clinton complains that the study was flawed. So let me quote the Governor's own appointed chairman of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission. He says -- quote -- "We deserve to be low on the list. It doesn't mean Arkansas has dirtier air than California, but if California was operating on the laws of Arkansas, you'd probably have to have a gas mask."

Finally, let's talk about health care. As you might expect, my opponent and I have two vastly different approaches to the problem. I want to use competition to expand coverage, preserve quality, and drive down costs. Candidate Clinton wants to bring our health care system under the control of the federal government.

Until last month, Candidate Clinton pretended that his plan wouldn't cost a dime. But then someone at USA Today got him to admit what I've been saying all along: his plan would require a new

payroll tax.

That tax will kill jobs, especially in small businesses. And it will cut wages. But since we're talking about our records today, consider this, too. Candidate Clinton says "health care should be a right, not a privilege." And yet -- under Governor Clinton -- Arkansas has one of the nation's worst health insurance crises.

More than 42 percent of Arkansas workers -- the second highest percentage in the nation -- don't even have employer-paid health insurance. And the New York Times says a full 25 percent of all state residents have no health insurance at all.

Candidate Clinton now says America -- quote -- "can't afford four more years" without a solution to our health care problem. I agree. But Governor Clinton took a long time to come around. Early last year -- in his fifth term as governor -- he finally signed a bill to provide "bare bones" coverage to people who've gone uninsured for more than a year.

Yet as of last fall, even this minimal plan had still not been implemented. In fact, it was only this month that the first insurance company began offering the Governor's plan as an option. Bill Becker, head of the Arkansas AFL-CIO, has called my opponent's state health insurance program -- and I quote -- "a worthless, cynical political ploy."

So there you have it. Next time you hear Candidate Clinton promise to be a progressive "change agent" for the entire United States, think of civil rights and taxes in the state he's left

behind. Think of crime and child abuse and education in Arkansas. Think of the environment he's neglected -- the health care problems he's ignored.

Think about all this the next time Candidate Clinton says he will do for America what he's done for Arkansas.

It's true we're having a big debate about America's future.

But first you have to learn who's really on the other side. You have to know -- is it the words of Candidate Clinton or the actions of Governor Clinton.

We've seen over the last nine months that Candidate Clinton appears willing to say anything to anyone.

But the record of Governor Clinton proves that it doesn't matter what the Candidate will say to anyone. Because he won't deliver!

So either way -- whether it's Candidate Clinton or Governor Clinton -- Bill Clinton is wrong for America.

I say we can do better than this. I say America deserves better than this.

I know we have problems to fix. That's why I've presented my Agenda.

And I know we need to get to work -- to keep America secure and strong in this new era. That's why my Agenda contains 13 specific actions I'm going to fight to accomplish in the first year of my second term.

I'm going to get them done -- with your help.

Because America has the character to win the economic

competition -- to win the peace.

Let's get on with the job.

Thank you and God Bless You.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: STEVE PROVOST *SP*
FROM: ANDREW FERGUSON *AF*
SUBJECT: SPRINGFIELD, MO EVENT

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Now to the environment. I love to hike -- camp in the woods. You've heard me talk about the importance of protecting the environment many times. But to me real eloquence is action -- and I have acted. There's our historic Clean Air Act -- cutting acid rain in half. We've banished offshore oil rigs from sensitive beaches on both coasts -- and added a billion dollars worth of new forests and parks for our children to enjoy.

And in the past three years, our Environmental Protection Agency has assessed more than half of all the civil penalties and criminal fines in EPA's history -- more than \$200 million. To those who spoil our lakes and air we are saying -- Mess with our children's health and you will pay.

Those are facts -- that's the record. But Candidate Clinton calls America's environmental record since 1989 a "disaster." He promises a -- quote -- "real environmental policy" that will -- quote -- "challenge Americans and demand responsibility at every level."

My advice: Let's take Candidate Clinton at his word. Demand that candidates run on their records -- not from them. I'll stand by mine. Let's see if he can stand on his.

Earlier this year, my opponent was asked to name a single Arkansas law that exceeds federal environmental standards. He couldn't -- not one. The Governor has accepted generous campaign

contributions and free plane rides from Arkansas's powerful chicken industry. The industry is the ultimate source of -- I'll put this as delicately as I can -- fecal coliform bacteria, which pollutes hundreds of miles of Arkansas rivers. Yet Governor Clinton has never issued a single regulation to control this pollution.

The American people deserve to know why.

Last year, the Institute for Southern Studies released an extraordinarily detailed, state-by-state study of environmental quality and progress. Let me quote the Institute's Research Director: "In the areas of policy -- laws passed, not task forces or commissions set up to study a problem -- Arkansas was 50th, the worst in the nation."

Candidate Clinton complains that the study was flawed. So let me quote the Governor's own appointed chairman of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission. He says -- quote -- "We deserve to be low on the list. It doesn't mean Arkansas has dirtier air than California, but if California was operating on the laws of Arkansas, you'd probably have to have a gas mask."

Finally, let's talk about health care. As you might expect, my opponent and I have two vastly different approaches to the problem. I want to use competition to expand coverage, preserve quality, and drive down costs. Candidate Clinton wants to bring our health care system under the control of the federal government.

Until just a few weeks ago, Candidate Clinton pretended that his plan wouldn't cost a dime. But then someone at USA Today got him to admit what I've been saying all along: his plan would

require a new payroll tax.

That tax will kill jobs, especially in small businesses. And it will cut wages. But since we're talking about our records today, consider this, too. Candidate Clinton says health care "should be a right, not a privilege." And yet -- under Governor Clinton -- Arkansas has one of the nation's worst health insurance crises.

More than 42 percent of Arkansas workers -- the second highest percentage in the nation -- don't even have employer-paid health insurance. And the New York Times says a full 25 percent of all state residents have no health insurance at all.

Candidate Clinton now says America -- quote -- "can't afford four more years" without a solution to our health care problem. I agree. But Governor Clinton took a long time to come around. Two years ago -- in his fifth term as governor -- he finally signed a bill to provide "bare bones" coverage to people who've gone uninsured for more than a year.

Yet last fall, even this minimal plan had still not been implemented. And even today, not a single insurance company has ever set up a single policy -- for anyone -- under Governor Clinton's model program. Bill Becker, head of the Arkansas AFL-CIO, calls my opponent's state health insurance program -- and I quote -- "a worthless, cynical power ploy."

So there you have it. Next time you hear Candidate Clinton promise to be a progressive "change agent" for the entire United States, think of civil rights and taxes in the state he's left

behind. Think of crime and child abuse and education in Arkansas. Think of the environment he's neglected -- the health care problems he's ignored.

Think about all this the next time Candidate Clinton says he will do for America what he's done for Arkansas.

It's true we're having a big debate about America's future.

But first you have to learn who's really on the other side. You have to know -- is it the words of Candidate Clinton or the actions of Governor Clinton.

We've seen over the last nine months that Candidate Clinton appears willing to say anything to anyone.

But the record of Governor Clinton proves that it doesn't matter what the Candidate will say to anyone. Because he won't deliver!

So either way -- whether it's Candidate Clinton or Governor Clinton -- Bill Clinton is wrong for America.

I say we can do better than this. I say America deserves better than this.

I know we have problems to fix. That's why I've presented my Agenda.

And I know we need to get to work -- to keep America secure and strong in this new era. That's why my Agenda contains 13 specific actions I'm going to fight to accomplish in the first year of my second term.

I'm going to get them done -- with your help.

Because America has the character to win the economic

competition -- to win the peace.

Let's get on with the job.

Thank you and God Bless You.

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September 21, 1992
4:00 p.m.
CIVIL

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TULSA, OKLAHOMA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1992

Thank you and good morning everyone. I'm glad to be here in Tulsa. I'm told The New York Times now refers to this city as the new Peoria -- the place where you go to find out what the rest of America is thinking. Sounds to me like Tulsa is thinking some pretty enthusiastic thoughts these days.

May I say pay a special tribute to these high school great bands -- the Hornets, the Warriors, the Indians and the Eagles -- whose schools all won their football games last weekend.//

Finally, let me say a word about those of you who put together the fabulous F-15's -- the hard-working men and women of McDonnell-Douglas. Thanks for hosting us here. And I want to say hello to all of you who work for the great Rockwell Industries.//

You know, for the past few weeks, I've been traveling the length and breadth of America, stumping for the economic ideas I believe in -- my Agenda for American Renewal.

I want to create new markets for American products -- and new jobs for American workers.// I want to give our kids what they truly deserve -- the world's finest schools for a brand new century.// And I want to use competition to reform our health care system.// I believe you should only feel the pain when you visit the doctor's office, not a month later, when you get the bill in

the mail.//

My Agenda builds on the global opportunity before us. It includes 13 specific items that I will fight to get done in the very first year of my second term.

While I have been outlining my positive ideas for the future, my opponent has chosen to focus his energy on the past. Month after month, he has attacked my record, spent his time and money and energy talking about what's wrong with America -- not to mention what's wrong with George Bush.

I have not talked much about my opponent's record, because I believe the American people have wanted a positive discussion about what we will do to renew America.

But with just six weeks before this election, I think it's time we put the spotlight on your neighboring state of Arkansas. To sharpen the differences, on the fundamental issues that divide us. To move beyond Candidate Clinton's rhetoric, to find out what Governor Clinton has actually done in Arkansas.

This morning in Missouri, I looked at the entire Clinton record in detail. For the rest of the day, I'm stopping by Oklahoma and the other states that are Arkansas neighbors. I want to get a close look -- at what's been going on under that Little Rock.

I want to talk about the facts -- because the facts speak volumes. I want you to understand, the my argument isn't with the people of Arkansas, but with their leader.

You see, the other side says they are very eager to debate.

And we have a debate for them. On the one side is Candidate Clinton -- a promising young man -- who seems to be willing to promise anything to get elected. On the other side is Governor Clinton -- whose record in Arkansas is a series of broken promises.

On each stop on my trip today, I'm focussing on one issue of importance to the people of Oklahoma -- and indeed all Americans. Here in Oklahoma, I'd like to talk about the great struggle for civil rights -- of equality for all people -- the American dream.

Candidate Clinton and his running mate recently published a paperback book -- a catalogue of complaints about America. And it's full of grand promises about the future.

Way back on page 175, there's a chapter called "The Clinton-Gore Record." Eleven single-spaced pages -- everything flattering they could possibly think to say about themselves. And not one word about civil rights. Not one word. Even though Governor Clinton says -- and I quote directly -- "everybody knows that I have the best civil rights record."

Well, let's see if the facts match Governor Clinton's "modest" assessment of himself.

Some of you may know that in 1968 -- when I was a Congressman from Texas -- I supported the Fair Housing Act. It wasn't popular with some of my constituents at the time. Times have changed, of course, and nowadays 41 states have laws banning housing discrimination. Forty-one states -- including Oklahoma. But Arkansas isn't one of them -- even though my opponent has been governor for 12 years.

Forty-six states, including Oklahoma, have human relations agencies that safeguard their citizens against discrimination. But not Arkansas.

Forty-eight states have basic civil rights laws that ban discrimination and guarantee equal opportunity -- and Oklahoma included is proud to be one of them. But not Arkansas. That's right. Arkansas is one of only two states without a civil rights statute.

Candidate Clinton likes to criticize my 1990 veto of the Democratic Congress's quota bill. I did veto that bill -- and I'll veto any other quota bill the Democrats cook up. But I believe you can be against quotas, and still take a stand for civil rights.

So last year, after tough negotiations with Congress, I did sign a major Civil Rights Bill -- I did it without resorting to quotas.

Even though Governor Clinton's party enjoys overwhelming control of the Arkansas legislature, he still hasn't brought a civil rights bill to the people of Arkansas.

So when you hear the Candidate Clinton's rhetoric about civil rights, remember Governor Clinton's record.

Believe me: I'll be happy to put my civil rights record next to Bill Clinton's any day of the week.

About 20 miles from here, is the home of the great Will Rogers, the man who said the he wasn't a comic, he just watched the government, and reported the facts.

Well, I'm not sure if even Will Roger's would get a chuckle

out of Governor Clinton's record.

Governor Clinton talks a good game, but his actions betray his words. On economic fairness, on crime, on policies for children, on environmental protection, on health care, on civil rights -- Candidate Clinton says one thing -- but has been doing another.

The record of Governor Clinton proves that it doesn't matter what Candidate Clinton says. Because he won't deliver.

So whether it's Candidate Clinton or Governor Clinton -- the message is the same: Bill Clinton is wrong for America.

I say we can do better. I say America deserves better.

Yes, we face challenges, yes we have problems, but my Agenda will confront our challenges, and renew America.

My agenda is right for America. The ideas, the principles, the values, we need to bring this country together, and renew our great nation.

So that we can match the peace we have achieved around the world, with peace of mind here at home.

Thanks for the warm Oklahoma welcome. God Bless the United States of America.

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On the other side is Governor Clinton -- whose record in Arkansas is a series of broken promises.

On each stop of my trip today, I'm focussing on one issue of importance to the people of Texas -- and indeed all Americans. Here in Longview, I'd like to talk about the battle to provide affordable health care for all Americans.

As you might expect, my opponent and I have two vastly different approaches to the problem. I want to use competition to expand coverage, preserve quality and drive down costs. Governor Clinton's plan could eventually bring the health care system under the control of the federal government.

Until just a few weeks ago, Governor Clinton pretended that this plan wouldn't cost a dime. But then someone at USA Today got him to admit what I've been saying all along -- his plan would require a new payroll tax.

This tax will kill jobs, especially in small business, and it will cut wages. But since we're talking about our records today, consider this. Candidate Clinton says health care should "be a right, not a privilege." And yet -- under Governor Clinton -- Arkansas has one of the nation's worst health insurance crises.

More than 42 percent of Arkansas workers -- the second highest percentage in the nation -- don't have employer-paid health insurance. And The New York Times says a full 25 percent of all state residents have no health insurance at all.

Candidate Clinton now says America -- quote -- "can't afford four more years" without a solution to our health care problems.

I agree. But Governor Clinton took a long time to come around. Early last year -- in his fifth term as governor -- he finally signed a bill to provide "bare bones" coverage to people who've gone uninsured for more than a year.

Last fall, even this minimal plan had still not been implemented. And even today, not a single insurance company has ever set up a single policy -- for anyone -- under Governor Clinton's model program. Bill Becker, head of the Arkansas AFL-CIO calls my opponent's state health insurance program -- and I quote -- "a worthless, cynical ploy."

On this issue, look at the Grand Canyon between the words of Candidate Clinton -- and the actions of Governor Clinton.

It reminds me of something Mark Twain once said. "Do not tell fish stories where the people know you, but particularly, do not tell them where they know they fish."

Down here in Texas, you know the truth about Governor Clinton and his record in protecting health. You know that it is all a big fish story.//

Governor Clinton talks a good game, but his actions betray his words. On economic fairness, on crime, on policies for children, on environmental protection, on civil rights, and on health care -- Candidate Clinton says one thing -- Governor Clinton has been doing another.

The record of Governor Clinton proves that it doesn't matter what Candidate Clinton says. Because he won't deliver.

So whether it's Candidate Clinton or Governor Clinton -- the

message is the same: Bill Clinton is wrong for America.

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So that we can match the peace we have achieved around the world, with peace of mind here at home.

Thanks for the warm Texas welcome. God bless the United States of America.

(Askew)
September 21, 1992
CRIME

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1992

Thank you, and hello, everyone. I'm glad to be here in Shreveport -- because Captain Henry Shreve is kind of a hero of mine. I like the way he cleared the dead wood out of the Red River, got rid of that huge log-jam, and got things moving again.

Well, with the notable exception of Jim McCrery here, I hope you voters do the same thing this November with the logjam in Congress// and get rid of some of that dead-wood that says it's representing you in Washington. Clear 'em out -- so we can renew America -- and revitalize the American dream.//

You know, for the past few weeks, I've been travelling the length and breadth of America, stumping for the ideas I believe in -- my Agenda for American Renewal.

I want to open new markets for American products -- and create new jobs for American workers. I want to give our kids what they truly deserve -- the world's finest schools for a brand new century. And I want to use competition to make health care more affordable, and available to you and your neighbors. The way I see it -- you should only feel the pain when you visit the doctor's office -- not a month later, when you get the bill in the mail.

My agenda builds on the global opportunity before America. It includes thirteen specific items I want to get done in the very first year of my second term.

While I've been outlining my positive ideas for the future, my opponent has chosen to focus his energy on the past. Month after month, he's attacked my record, spent his time and money and energy talking about what's wrong with America -- not to mention what's wrong with George Bush.

I have not talked much about my opponent's record, because I believe the American people have wanted a positive discussion about what we will do to renew America.

But with just six weeks before election day, I think it's time we put the spotlight on your neighboring state of Arkansas. To move beyond Candidate Clinton's rhetoric, to find out what Governor Clinton has actually done in his home state.

This morning in Missouri, I looked at the entire Clinton record in detail. For the rest of the day, I'm stopping by Louisiana and some other states that are Arkansas' neighbors. I want to get a close look -- at what's been going on under that Little Rock.

I want to talk about the facts -- because the facts speak very loudly for themselves. I want you to understand, my argument isn't with the people of Arkansas... but with their leader.

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Clinton -- a promising young man -- who'll promise anything, in fact, to get elected.

One the other side is Governor Clinton -- whose record in Arkansas is a series of broken promises.

On each stop on my trip today, I'm focussing on one issue of importance to the people of Louisiana -- and indeed all Americans. Here in Louisiana, I'd like to talk for a moment about the great struggle to take back our streets from the thugs and druggies and the crackheads.

Candidate Clinton likes to talk tough on crime. You'll hear him criticize me about federal aid to state and local law enforcement.

Those criticisms are off the mark. We've increased federal spending on law enforcement activities by 43 percent over the past four years. We want to give brave cops like these the tools to fight the war on crime without one hand tied behind their back.//

You'll also hear Candidate Clinton make some pretty impressive claims about crime control in Arkansas.

Wrong again.

During the 1980's, the nation's overall crime rate actually declined. But not in Arkansas. In fact, Governor Clinton's state had the biggest increase in the overall crime rate in the entire nation -- nearly 28 percent!

What about violent crime? Arkansas violent crime rate went up more than 58 percent -- one of the worst records in the nation -- and a heck of a lot worse than here in Louisiana.//

Why the difference? I've got some hunches. While violent crime was exploding on Governor Clinton's watch, the number of sworn law enforcement officers actually declined in one out of every three Arkansas counties.

Arkansas today ranks near rock bottom in every important per-capita law-enforcement expenditure -- for prisons: 46th. For judicial and legal systems: 50th. And when it comes to per-capita spending for police officers: well, Arkansas ranks 49th.

And in Arkansas, when the prison door slams shut on a convicted criminal, he knows it won't be long before it opens again. As incredible as it seems, most inmates in Arkansas serve less than one-fifth -- one-fifth -- of their sentences behind bars. That's the worst record in the nation.

(If you played Monopoly in Little Rock -- the card would read -- "go directly to jail -- but you'll be back out in a minute.")

Now contrast that with what we've been doing on the federal level. Most federal inmates serve at least 85 percent of their full sentences. My philosophy is simple: if you take liberties with the law, we ought to say -- Hasta La Vista -- Baby.

When you look at Governor Clinton's record on law enforcement, it's not surprising that last week -- the Fraternal

Order of Police in Little Rock endorsed me. That's the verdict of the police officers in Governor Clinton's hometown.

So when you hear Candidate Clinton's rhetoric about being tough on crime -- just remember -- Governor Clinton's record.

And believe me: I'll be happy to stack my record on crime next to his -- any day of the week.

Governor Clinton talks a good game, but his actions betray his words. On economic fairness, on policies for children, on environmental protection, on health care, on civil rights, on crime -- Candidate Clinton says one thing -- but Governor Clinton has been doing another.

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So that we can match the peace we have achieved around the globe, with peace of mind here at home.

Thanks for that warm Louisiana welcome. God bless the United States of America.

September 20, 1992
Draft One
FAIRNESS

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1992

Good afternoon. I'm glad to be here in the great state of Mississippi. My only regret is that I won't be able to stay too long. But maybe I can take some of that delicious catfish back with me to Washington for dinner.

For the past few weeks, I've been traveling the length and breadth of America, stumping for the economic ideas I believe in - my Agenda for American Renewal.

I want to open new markets, more customers for the services and products of American men and women -- the most productive workers in the world.//

I want to give our children what they truly deserve -- the world's finest schools for a brand new century.//

And I want to use the forces of competition -- to make health care more affordable, and make it available to you -- everyone of your neighbors.//

My Agenda builds on the global opportunity before our nation. It includes 13 specific items that I will fight to get done in the very first year of my second term.

While I have been outlining my ideas for the future, my opponent has chosen to focus on the past. To spend his time, money and energy talking about what's wrong with America -- not to mention what's wrong with George Bush.

I have not talked much about my opponent's record, because I believe the American people have wanted a positive discussion about what we will do to renew America.

But with just six weeks until election day, I think it's time to put the spotlight on your neighboring state of Arkansas. To move beyond Candidate Clinton's rhetoric, to find out what Governor Clinton has actually done to his state.

This morning in Missouri, I looked at the entire Clinton record in detail. For the rest of the day, I'm stopping by Mississippi and other states that are Arkansas' neighbors. I want to get a close look -- at what's been going on under Little Rock.

I want to talk about the facts -- because the facts speak volumes. My argument is not with the people of Arkansas, but with their leader.

You see, the other side says they are very eager to debate. And we have a debate for them. On the one side is Candidate Clinton -- a promising young man who will promise anything to get elected. On the other side is Governor Clinton -- whose record in Arkansas is a series of broken promises.

Take just one issue of importance to the people of Mississippi -- and indeed all Americans -- economic fairness.

Candidate Clinton is playing the same old game liberals always play -- class warfare. And Candidate Clinton is good at it: using the same tired, twisted, partisan statistics to explain how the poor can only get richer -- if the rich get poorer.

According to Candidate Clinton, the last ten years have been

a nightmare. Well, if you look at the facts, it simply isn't true.
The American dream is still alive.

The Urban Institute back in Washington isn't usually one of my most ardent admirers. But listen to what they had to say about the 1980s -- and I quote "the rich got a little richer and the poor got much richer." That's the truth: Our policies of cutting taxes have meant more money in the pockets of all Americans.

Candidate Clinton doesn't think this is "fair." But maybe it's because Governor Clinton doesn't have much experience with tax fairness in his own state.

Governor Clinton has more than doubled Arkansas state spending since 1983. And he has paid for it by raising the taxes that hurt poor and working families the most.

My opponent has raised and extended his sales tax repeatedly. Governor Clinton more than doubled Arkansas gas tax, to 18-and-a-half cents per gallon. Governor Clinton taxed food stamps until the federal government forced him to stop. He started taxing mobile homes, and on beer. And as if working families in Arkansas didn't have enough problems already -- Governor Clinton even tried to tax child care.

(It doesn't matter if the burp is from a beer or a baby bottle -- Governor Clinton will try to slap a tax on it.)//

Last year, Governor Clinton signed the largest tax increase in Arkansas history. Listen to what an Arkansas paper said of his tax policies -- and I quote -- "If Congress followed the example Bill Clinton has set as governor of Arkansas, it would pass a tax

program that would hit the middle class hardest." Well, I don't want to favor the rich at the expense of the middle-class. I want to give a tax break to all working Americans, so that more people can get rich -- because that's what America is all about.//

In Arkansas, Governor Clinton's tax policy has been a knockout punch -- aimed at the chin of the middle-class. You can see the impact.

Start with per capita income, the bottom line of a state's economy. How much the regular Joe and Jane earn.

At the end of the 1980's, Arkansas ranked 48th in the nation for per-capita income -- 73 percent of the national average -- down from 75 percent in 1980.

Candidate Clinton talks a lot about creating high-paying manufacturing jobs for America. How is Governor Clinton's record? Well, average hourly earnings for Arkansas workers were 47th in 1980. By 1989, they had dropped to 50th.

Now Candidate Clinton wants to do for the American economy what Governor Clinton has done to Arkansas income, taxes, and jobs. My question is -- why would we let him?

Candidate Clinton has already proposed the biggest tax increase in history -- and that's not even counting his payroll taxes for training and health care.

You tell me: Is that fair to the middle-class?

Candidate Clinton has been "talking the talk" of economic fairness, sounding like some sort of Robin Hood, who will rob from the Rich and give something to the poor.

But Governor Clinton has been more like Captain Hook -- trying to take a little bit from everyone -- and especially from those who can least afford to pay.

I believe in something different. I believe that government is too big -- and spends too much of your money.//

So I want to cut government spending, and then cut taxes. Cut taxes for the entrepreneur, but also the single mom struggling to pay the bills, and the senior on social security.

I feel the same way that your Governor Kirk Fordice feels. He went to the mat with your State Legislature, to ease the tax burden on working men and women. Governor Fordice may not have won this round, but he's going to be coming back again and again, because he knows the same thing I know -- low taxes are the way to get this economy moving again.

On economic fairness, the environment, health care, civil rights, fighting crime, improving our schools -- Candidate Clinton says one thing -- but Governor Clinton has been doing another.

So whether it's Candidate Clinton or Governor Clinton -- the message is the same: Bill Clinton is wrong for America.

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So that we can match the peace we have achieved around the

world, with peace of mind here at home.

Thanks for the warm Mississippi welcome. God Bless the United States of America.

(Askew)
September 21, 1992
CHILDEDUCATION

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1992

Thank you, Congressman Sundquist. Mrs. Sundquist.
Secretary Alexander. [Further acknowledgements to come.] And
good evening, everyone. I'm glad to be here in Memphis, home of
the blues, wet and dry ribs, the old South and the new Pyramid -
- and of course Elvis. That's Presley, not Clinton.

It's good to be in the heart of the South because what's
happening in Memphis represents what's going to make America
great in the 21st Century -- constant renewal through creativity,
discipline, and innovation.

[[All three of these virtues are embodied in Fred Smith and
Federal Express. I'm honored to have Fred with us this
evening.]]

You know, for the past few weeks, I've been travelling the
length and breadth of America, stumping for the ideals I believe
in -- my Agenda for American Renewal.

I want to open new markets for American products, and create
new jobs for American workers. I want to create a welfare system
that convinces families to stick together, and fathers to stick
around. Most of all, with the help of your great former Governor
-- Lamar Alexander -- I want to give our young people what they
deserve: the finest schools in the entire world.//

While I've been outlining my positive ideas for the future, my opponent has chosen to focus his energy on the past. Month after month, he's attacked my record ... spent his time and money and energy talking about what's wrong with America.

I haven't talked much about my opponent's record, because I think the American people deserve to hear a positive discussion about what we'll do to renew America.

But with just six weeks until election day, I think it's time we put the spotlight on your neighboring state of Arkansas. It's time to move beyond Candidate Clinton's rhetoric, to find out what Governor Clinton has actually done in his home state.

Today, I have traveled to six states, all around Arkansas, to get a look at what's been going on under Little Rock.

I have talked about the facts -- because the facts speak very loudly for themselves. My argument isn't with the people of Arkansas, it is with their leader.

You see, the other side says they are very eager to debate. And we have a debate for them. On the one side is Candidate Clinton -- a promising young man -- who'll promise anything, in fact, to get elected.

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On each stop of my trip today, I have focused on one issue of importance to all the people of America. I'd saved the most important issue for last -- our children.

Lamar Alexander will tell you that you can't renew America, without renewing our schools. Today, with the help of leaders like so many of you here in Memphis, American schools are being re-invented. But what is going on in Arkansas?

In his new book, Candidate Clinton says America has failed to provide its children with either the best education or adequate protection from violence. That's what the Candidate Clinton says. But what has Governor Clinton done?

Here are the facts -- pure and simple.

During the 1980s, Arkansas fell from 47th to 48th place in percentage of adults with a high school diploma.

Arkansas's rankings on its primary college entrance examination -- the ACT -- have declined. Twenty-eight states use the ACT as their primary college entrance test. The New York Times reported that in 1979 -- Arkansas ranked 20th out of those 28th. It's latest ranking is down -- to 25th out of 28th.

And we know that more than three-quarters of Arkansas high school graduates require remedial instruction when they get to college. Think about that. Three out of four Arkansas college students spend their first year of college re-learning what they missed in high school.

And when it comes to the percentage of adults with a college degree, Governor Clinton's Arkansas still ranks 50th.

These are the facts, pure and simple. You can see, there's a Grand Canyon between what Candidate Clinton says about improving education, and what Governor Clinton has actually done.

((And this is no minor issue, because as Lamar Alexander will tell you: in Washington today, the forces are arrayed to stop the education reform movement dead in its tracks.

I'm proud of the reforms that we have devised -- to build new American schools, to free teachers from the burden of government regulation, to raise standards for all our young people -- and to give scholarships to low and middle-income parents, so they can choose the schools their children should attend.///

But even as we meet tonight, Congress is moving to water down these bold reforms.

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We should take a stand for our kids -- take a stand for our future.

I can promise you this: let Governor Clinton tell the education establishment what they want to hear. I will tell them what they need to hear.))

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I've been to six states over the past twelve hours, and you know -- I have to say, I never get tired of seeing and meeting Americans... face-to-face.

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I want to help America realize the dreams that are so close at hand. You know, we've turned nightmares into dreams for millions of people abroad, the past four years -- and we saw freedom finish first. Now, we have a chance to work the same miracles here at home.

And we're faced with a very real choice in this election.

With two very different visions of how to make our kids' dreams come true.

I hope you'll support me six weeks from now. I promise I'll support you in the four years to follow -- and I'll do my level best to give your dreams the support all dreams need, to come true -- the real things -- like education for your children... freedom from fear -- a wholesome and healthy environment -- a strong and robust economy -- and all the other things that weave together and make a life here, in the greatest land God ever put on Earth.

Thank you for listening. May God bless you... May God bless Tennessee... and May God bless the United States of America.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STEVEN PROVOST *SP*
SUBJECT: MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE EVENT

On Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m., you will address a high-school gymnasium full of students, their families, and Bush-Quayle supporters. Your remarks (10 minutes, teleprompter) examine in detail Bill Clinton's record on education and the well-being of children in Arkansas, and point out the differences between that record and his campaign rhetoric.

Your remarks for this event are derived from your speech earlier in the day in Springfield, Missouri. Secretary Alexander will be in attendance, and Congressman Don Sundquist will introduce you.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1992

Thank you, Congressman Sundquist. Mrs. Sundquist.
Secretary Alexander. [Further acknowledgements to come.] And
good evening, everyone. I'm glad to be here in Memphis, home of
the blues, wet and dry ribs, the old South and the new Pyramid -
- and of course Elvis. That's Presley, not Clinton.

It's good to be in the heart of the South because what's
happening in Memphis represents what's going to make America
great in the 21st Century -- constant renewal through creativity,
discipline, and innovation.

[[All three of these virtues are embodied in Fred Smith and
Federal Express. I'm honored to have Fred with us this
evening.]]

You know, for the past few weeks, I've been travelling the
length and breadth of America, stumping for the ideals I believe
in -- my Agenda for American Renewal.

I want to open new markets for American products, and create
new jobs for American workers. I want to create a welfare system
that convinces families to stick together, and fathers to stick
around. Most of all, with the help of your great former Governor
-- Lamar Alexander -- I want to give our young people what they
deserve: the finest schools in the entire world.//

While I've been outlining my positive ideas for the future, my opponent has chosen to focus his energy on the past. Month after month, he's attacked my record ... spent his time and money and energy talking about what's wrong with America.

I haven't talked much about my opponent's record, because I think the American people deserve to hear a positive discussion about what we'll do to renew America.

But with just six weeks until election day, I think it's time we put the spotlight on your neighboring state of Arkansas. It's time to move beyond Candidate Clinton's rhetoric, to find out what Governor Clinton has actually done in his home state.

Today, I have traveled to six states, all around Arkansas, to get a look at what's been going on under Little Rock.

I have talked about the facts -- because the facts speak very loudly for themselves. My argument isn't with the people of Arkansas, it is with their leader.

You see, the other side says they are very eager to debate. And we have a debate for them. On the one side is Candidate Clinton -- a promising young man -- who'll promise anything, in fact, to get elected.

One the other side is Governor Clinton -- whose record in Arkansas is a series of broken promises.

On each stop of my trip today, I have focused on one issue of importance to all the people of America. I'd saved the most important issue for last -- our children.

Lamar Alexander will tell you that you can't renew America, without renewing our schools. Today, with the help of leaders like so many of you here in Memphis, American schools are being re-invented. But what is going on in Arkansas?

In his new book, Candidate Clinton says America has failed to provide its children with either the best education or adequate protection from violence. That's what the Candidate Clinton says. But what has Governor Clinton done?

Here are the facts -- pure and simple.

During the 1980s, Arkansas fell from 47th to 48th place in percentage of adults with a high school diploma.

Arkansas's rankings on its primary college entrance examination -- the ACT -- have declined. Twenty-eight states use the ACT as their primary college entrance test. The New York Times reported that in 1979 -- Arkansas ranked 20th out of those 28th. It's latest ranking is down -- to 25th out of 28th.

And we know that more than three-quarters of Arkansas high school graduates require remedial instruction when they get to college. Think about that. Three out of four Arkansas college students spend their first year of college re-learning what they missed in high school.

And when it comes to the percentage of adults with a college degree, Governor Clinton's Arkansas still ranks 50th.

These are the facts, pure and simple. You can see, there's a Grand Canyon between what Candidate Clinton says about improving education, and what Governor Clinton has actually done.

((And this is no minor issue, because as Lamar Alexander will tell you: in Washington today, the forces are arrayed to stop the education reform movement dead in its tracks.

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FROM: STEVE PROVOST *SP*

SUBJECT: LONGVIEW, TX EVENT

On September 22, at 1:00 p.m., you will deliver remarks to approximately 4,000 people at Gregg County Airport in Longview, Texas.

Your remarks (10 minutes, on prompter) examine in detail Bill Clinton's record on the environment and health care, and point out the differences between that record and his campaign rhetoric.

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My agenda builds on the global opportunity before us. It includes 13 specific items that I will fight to get done in the very first year of my second term.

While I've been outlining my positive ideas for the future, my opponent has chosen to focus his energy on the past. Month after month, he's attacked my record -- spent his time and money and energy talking about what's wrong with America -- not to mention what's wrong with George Bush.

I have not talked much about my opponent's record, because I believe the American people have wanted a positive discussion about what we will do to renew America.

But with just six weeks before election day, I think it's time we put the spotlight on your neighboring state of Arkansas. To move beyond Governor Clinton's rhetoric, to find out what Governor Clinton has actually done in Arkansas.

This morning in Missouri, I looked at the entire Clinton record in detail. For the rest of the day, I'm stopping by Texas and other states that are Arkansas neighbors. I want to get a close look at what's been going on under that Little Rock.

I want to talk about the facts -- because the facts speak volumes. I want you to understand that my argument isn't with the people of Arkansas, but with their leader.

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On each stop of my trip today, I'm focussing on one issue of importance to the people of Texas -- and indeed all Americans. Here in Longview, I'd like to talk about the battle to provide affordable health care for all Americans.

As you might expect, my opponent and I have two vastly different approaches to the problem. I want to use competition to expand coverage, preserve quality and drive down costs. Governor Clinton's plan could eventually bring the health care system under the control of the federal government.

Until just a few weeks ago, Governor Clinton pretended that this plan wouldn't cost a dime. But then someone at USA Today got him to admit what I've been saying all along -- his plan would require a new payroll tax.

This tax will kill jobs, especially in small business, and it will cut wages. But since we're talking about our records today, consider this. Candidate Clinton says health care should "be a right, not a privilege." And yet -- under Governor Clinton -- Arkansas has one of the nation's worst health insurance crises.

More than 42 percent of Arkansas workers -- the second highest percentage in the nation -- don't have employer-paid health insurance. And The New York Times says a full 25 percent of all state residents have no health insurance at all.

Candidate Clinton now says America -- quote -- "can't afford four more years" without a solution to our health care problems.

I agree. But Governor Clinton took a long time to come around. Early last year -- in his fifth term as governor -- he finally signed a bill to provide "bare bones" coverage to people who've gone uninsured for more than a year.

Last fall, even this minimal plan had still not been implemented. And even today, not a single insurance company has ever set up a single policy -- for anyone -- under Governor Clinton's model program. Bill Becker, head of the Arkansas AFL-CIO calls my opponent's state health insurance program -- and I quote -- "a worthless, cynical ploy."

On this issue, look at the Grand Canyon between the words of Candidate Clinton -- and the actions of Governor Clinton.

It reminds me of something Mark Twain once said. "Do not tell fish stories where the people know you, but particularly, do not tell them where they know they fish."

Down here in Texas, you know the truth about Governor Clinton and his record in protecting health. You know that it is all a big fish story.//

Governor Clinton talks a good game, but his actions betray his words. On economic fairness, on crime, on policies for children, on environmental protection, on civil rights, and on health care - - Candidate Clinton says one thing -- Governor Clinton has been doing another.

The record of Governor Clinton proves that it doesn't matter what Candidate Clinton says. Because he won't deliver.

So whether it's Candidate Clinton or Governor Clinton -- the

message is the same: Bill Clinton is wrong for America.

Yes, we face challenges, yes, we have problems, but my Agenda will confront our challenges, and renew America.

My agenda is right for America. The ideas, the principles, the values, we need to bring this country together, and renew our great nation.

So that we can match the peace we have achieved around the world, with peace of mind here at home.

Thanks for the warm Texas welcome. God bless the United States of America.