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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 09/28/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ASAP

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TRI-CITY REGIONAL AIRPORT, BLOUNTVILLE, TN

10:10 a.m. - 09/29

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RESPONSE:

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9:30

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Tri-City Regional Airport

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cc: Phillip D. Brady

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Thank you very much. God Bless the United States of America.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 09/28/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ASAP

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TRI-CITY REGIONAL AIRPORT, BLOUNTVILLE, TN
10:10 a.m. - 09/29

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REMARKS:

Please provide any comments directly to Dan McGroarty AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, with a copy to this office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

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

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 28, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STEVE PROVOST *SP*

SUBJECT: PROPOSED REMARKS FOR BRISTOL, TENNESSEE

I. SUMMARY

On Tuesday, September 29th at 10:10 a.m. you will deliver remarks to 2500 people at the Tri-City Regional Airport in Bristol, Tennessee.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks (approximately 15 minutes / cards) continue on this weekend's theme, pointing out that Governor Clinton has a sorry record in Arkansas, that his economic plan requires a middle class tax increase, and that he cannot be trusted with his hands on the levers of government. You will give the exact same speech, with other local angles at the four stops tomorrow.

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speech is delivered,*

Presidential Remarks

Bristol, TN
Sept. 28, 1992
9:30 p.m.

(Thank you's and acknowledgements)

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May I say a special thank you to your entertainment this morning -- the Volunteer High School Marching Band.

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I believe I am uniquely qualified to lead America into this new world economy. My opponent's international experience consists of leading demonstrations in a foreign country against his own government. I want to use my experience to lead America -- to open new foreign markets because that is the way we create new jobs.//

If our nation is going to compete, we must make ^{AND WIN} changes here at home. ^{SOME}

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I say pass term limits -- and give Congress back to the people.

These are just some of my ideas -- some of what I'm fighting for.

I'm proud of my record, and I'll stand by it in November. But if Candidate Clinton wants to talk about the past, I say okay -- let's look at what's been going on in Arkansas.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Blountsville, Tennessee)

For Immediate Release

September 29, 1992

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT TRI-CITIES AIRPORT WELCOME

Tri-Cities Airport
Blountsville, Tennessee

10:23 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Naomi. Hey, listen -- (applause) -- thank you all very, very much. Thank you so very, very much. You know, Naomi says this is the first time that she's introduced a President. But look at it this way -- this it he first time I've ever been introduced by such a wonderful person, Naomi Judd. (Applause.) And I'm just pleased to have her with us on Air Force One.

You know, lest you didn't know it, we have a great Secretary of Education in Secretary Lamar Alexander, a former Governor of this state. We're very proud to be with him. And, of course, my old friend, Howard Baker is still beloved not only in Tennessee, but all across this country as a great leader. (Applause.)

And may I salute another old friend. If we had more like these two -- these three that I'm about to introduce, everybody would not be yelling at me "Clean House." Because you've got three great, in Jimmy Quillen, in Don Sundquist, and Jimmy Duncan right here with us today. (Applause.)

Send us more like these three and let's get this country moving again. (Applause.) And about these --

AUDIENCE: Clean the House! Clean the House!

THE PRESIDENT: That's it. We've got to clean it. And about these three characters over here. Barbara Bush and I -- they are friends, and we are very proud of that. They don't know how to throw horseshoes. We had them at Camp David and they came in second, third and fourth. (Laughter.) But in life they're coming in first, because of their talent and because of Larry's fighting back. And I'll tell you -- we are very proud to have the Gatlin Brothers at our side. (Applause.)

And, of course, may I salute Sarah Sellars, our National Committeewoman, and our great Chairman in this state, Tom Harper. They tell me we're going to win Tennessee, and they are absolutely right. (Applause.)

And I also want to salute the Volunteer High School Marching Band. (Applause.) Thank you all for being with us. This campaign, like every campaign for the presidency, is about a simple question: What kind of America do we want for the young people here today. And I want an America that remains a military superpower, but is the greatest economic superpower on the Earth, and we're going to make it even better. (Applause.)

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and I am proud of America's leadership role in ending the Cold War, proud of the sons and daughters who wowed the world in the sands of Saudi Arabia. The Democrats wanted to forget it, but we are not. (Applause.) I will continue to thank the sons and daughters of Tennessee who served with honor in Desert storm, and we're not going to let Bill Clinton forget that this was a proud moment in the history of the United States. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Where was Bill? Where was Bill?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't know where was. I'll tell you where he was on the war. Do you want me to answer the question? On Desert Storm he was on both sides. He was for the people that opposed it, but he was for those that supported me. That's a great thing, but you can't do that as President of the United States of America. You've got to make the tough calls. (Applause.)

But now what we've got to do is work with these great members of Congress, using our experience to lead the way to new markets for American products. Because that is how we're going to create more good jobs for people all across the United States of America. You see, small business will create two-thirds of the new jobs in the new economy, and, Governor Clinton -- well, he promises small business higher taxes and more red tape, and I promise small business relief from taxation, regulation and litigation. (Applause.)

You know, we spend almost \$200 billion a year on direct cost to lawyers. Japan doesn't pay that and neither do the European countries. And my opponent doesn't think this is a problem. He's in cahoots with the trial lawyers. And they spend so much time in court that their favorite song is "A Boy Named Sue." (Laughter.) Now, as a nation -- but here is my view: We've got to take the pressure off doctors who are scared to practice or Little League coaches who are afraid to coach. (Applause.) And we've got to sue each other less in this country and care for each other more. (Applause.)

And I am proud of my record. All the Governor of Arkansas does is go around tearing me down, tearing our country down, saying we're less than Germany and a little more than Sri Lanka. He ought to open his eyes. We are the most respected country on the face of the Earth. (Applause.) But if you'll bear with me for just a minute -- if he wants to talk about the past, fine; but let's take a look at what's going on in Arkansas. The people there are decent, they are hard-working, they are sound, grassroots people. But there's a lot they don't know about their Governor's record. And a lot you don't know about it. And the more you find out about it, the more you know that Governor Clinton is wrong for the President of the United States. (Applause.) He is wrong for America.

Look at the issue of crime. We simply have got to take back our streets from the crackheads and the criminals. And Candidate Clinton, oh, he talks a tough game. But in Arkansas, the average criminal serves just one-fifth of his sentence, and then he's let back on the street. And compare that to the federal prisons for which I am responsible. The average inmate there serves 85 percent of his sentence. And when it comes to crime, I am not much for letting these prisoners out of jail early. (Applause.) If you steal a car or you beat up some elderly woman, you ought to go to jail. And I say this: You should not be let out until you're eligible for a birthday salute from Willard Scott. (Applause.)

Don't take it from me, though. Listen to those in Arkansas. Ask the police over there in Little Rock. The cops who know Bill Clinton best have endorsed me as the best candidate for President of the United States. (Applause.)

It's the same thing on every issue. I think of Howard Baker and the others standing here as leaders in fair play on civil rights matters. But Governor Clinton says he's for civil rights, but Arkansas doesn't even have a basic civil rights law. He says he's for a clean environment, but the Institute of Southern Studies ranked Arkansas 50th in environmental politics. It's the only place where fish teach the young fish to jog instead of to swim. That's how polluted the rivers are over there. (Applause.)

I love fishing. I'm a bass fisherman. The fish in Arkansas light up at night because of -- chickens are doing to the river. (Applause.) Governor Clinton says he's for high tech. But, under Clinton, Arkansas has been falling behind in high school. Three out of every four Arkansas graduates spend their first year in college relearning what they were supposed to learn in high school. And that is not fair to those young people over across the way. (Applause.)

Let's take a look at the economy. All we hear from him is how bad things are. And I know we've been through some tough economic times. But we are affected, of course, by the global economic situation. And our competitors in Europe would trade places with us in a minute. And, yet, Governor Clinton offers America that European social welfare state politics -- more government, more special interest spending and more taxes on the middle class, and that is wrong for America. (Applause.)

If you can take another horror story this early in the morning, let me tell you this: He has raised and extended the sales tax, including a tax on baby formula, vegetables and other groceries. He raised the gas tax, he raised mobile home tax, and for those of you ESPN watchers, he even taxed cable TV and slapped a tax on beer. How do you like that?

AUDIENCE: Boo!

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THE PRESIDENT: These people aren't out there on the Lifestyles of the Rich and the Famous; they work hard, and they deserve a break. And that's just the start of his tax campaign against the middle class. He will need hundreds of billions of dollars more to pay for all these programs he's promised. And there's an old saying: When you hunt ducks, you go where the ducks are. Well, he's hunting for ways to pay for all his promises, and he's going back to tax the middle class because that's where the bucks are.

And, listen to the news -- don't take my word for it. You listen to the newspaper from his own back yard, the Pine Bluff Commercial. And here's what they say: If Congress followed the example that Bill Clinton's set as Governor of Arkansas, it would pass a program that hit the middle class the hardest. And I say the middle class has been hit hard enough already. (Applause.)

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Governor Clinton will say, oh, I am on the side of the middle class, but he says, then, well -- yes, I'm going to have it both ways. Consider his principles -- on both sides of the Gulf War -- I mentioned that -- when he said, and here's an exact quote, an exact quote: "I guess I would have voted with the majority of it was a close vote, but I agree with the arguments the minority made. Now, how would that be for a Commander-In-Chief when you've got to stand up against aggression halfway around the world? (Applause.)

And, one day, Governor Clinton says, well, I'll never run for president, and the next year he announces he's running for president. And one day he says he's for the North American Free Trade Agreement, and then he says, well, I haven't made up my mind yet. And one day he's for raising fuel efficiency standards on cars, and the next day he says, well, I'm flexible on that one. And one day he says the middle class deserves a tax break, and the next day he's plotting new ways to hit the middle class to pay for all his programs.

And if he ever became the President of the United States -- and he won't -- (applause) -- we'd have to replace the American Eagle with a chameleon. And that is not the way it works in the Oval Office. And you cannot come down on both sides of every issue. You have to take your lumps and you have to take a stand. And I don't think that we can take a risk on Governor Bill Clinton to be President of the United States of America. (Applause.)

You know, I've made mistakes as President, and, different than him, I've admitted when I'm wrong. But I believe I've been a good leader, willing to make the tough calls. (Applause.) And I'm a leader whose ideas are right for America. And I stand before you here today asking for your support, so that we can go to work with a new Congress to fix the problems that stand in the way of this country, so that we can reform our health care system -- and reinvent, as Lamar so eloquently stated -- reinvent our American schools, so we can retrain our workers from one generation and create jobs for the next, so we cut government spending and cut taxes and get this economy moving again. (Applause.)

And, also, so that we can limit terms for the members of the United States Congress and give government back to the people. (Applause.) Now, this is our agenda. And if you want one who has a statistic for every problem, go ahead and cast your vote for the other guy. But if you're looking for a leader of experience, a leader of ideas, a leader who shares your values, a leader who understands that America's real strength is not in government, but in places like this marvelous town right here today in your great state of Tennessee, then I know I can count on your support on November 3rd. (Applause.)

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Thank you, and may God bless the people of Tennessee and the United States of America. Thank you all very, very much. What a wonderful rally. (Applause.)