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THE WHITE HOUSE

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October 3, 1992

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT ON TOP OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY WELCOME

Top of the World Community
Clearwater, Florida

9:25 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very, very much. Please be seated. At long last he's made his intentions clear. And I'm delighted that Sidney will not be a candidate for President of the United States. (Laughter.) It's a confusing enough year with the way it is. (Laughter.)

But thank you, sir -- to you and your family for this introduction. Sidney and I go back a while. And he's been a loyal and strong friend and supporter. And he's certainly been a marvelous citizen of this community and of our great state of Florida. So thank you very much.

And allow me quickly to single out a couple of others -- Sandra, thank you, and best of luck to you. (Applause.) We have Bill Grant with us, another friend. And I want to see some real changes in the Congress. (Applause.) And he's running for the Senate. (Applause.)

And Jeannie Austin, the Vice Chairman of the Republican National Committee, sitting over here -- a Floridian. (Applause.) And Marian Keith, longtime GOP volunteer and a resident of On Top of the World. (Applause.) And a special welcome -- right back there -- and a special welcome to Gerald McRaney. He's a great campaigner, a man of principle. (Applause.) And I'm very proud to have him at my side. (Applause.) Mac will be traveling with us all across Florida today. And we love having him along -- except every time I get going on a little too long, he makes me drop in the aisle of Air Force One and do 50 push-ups. (Laughter.)

But in honor of the Major's presence, I'd like to start this morning with an announcement related to the area, regarding MacDill Air Force Base. And as you know, MacDill played a big role in bringing an end to the Cold War and certainly in Desert Storm. And now I'm pleased to announce that the Air Force and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, will work together to make MacDill a major center for NOAA's fleet of research aircraft. (Applause.) This is a good decision. It represents a big victory for Senator Connie Mack and Congressman Bill Young, who are both back in Washington today. (Applause.)

And also to give credit, I want to single out Al Austin, the Chairman of the MacDill Response Group, a Floridian who played a big role in finding a use for MacDill that will serve the national interest and also provide a major boost to the area's economy. So it's good news, and I'm glad to be able to announce it here in Florida today. (Applause.)

Now about this little matter of an election -- a month from today. This campaign, like every campaign, is about a simple question: What kind of America do we want for our kids and for our grandkids? And my opponent says that America is over the hill. And at the Democratic Convention, he said he saw the

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U.S. sliding down the list of nations, somewhere past Germany and heading for Sri Lanka.

Well, maybe he ought to open his eyes. Maybe he ought to look at the respect with which we're held all around the world. And maybe the Governor needs to walk the streets of Europe and talk to the people of Asia, and they'd remind him of a few facts: Americans are still the most educated people in the world. In spite of our difficulties, the American economy is still the most dynamic in the world. American workers still the most productive. And any way you measure it, America is still on top of the world. And that's the way it is. (Applause.)

And so how do we stay number one -- and that's the question. And I've laid out an Agenda for American Renewal -- a comprehensive, integrated agenda to create in America the world's very first \$10-trillion economy. And my Agenda for Renewal demands that we open new markets for American products. Because that is the way we are going to create the new jobs for American workers.

My agenda prepares our young people to excel in science and math and English -- because that's the way they will outperform the Japanese and the Germans. And my Agenda helps strengthen the American family because we must never forget: Family is still the foundation of our nation. (Applause.)

And I might just say -- I'm a little prejudice, but I think we have one of the great First Ladies of all time. And I wish -- (applause) -- and I wish Barbara were here, because she feels as I do on strengthening family. And when she sits there in the Diplomatic Entrance of the White House and reads to those kids, it's sending a signal to parents to help your children. When she holds an AIDS baby in her arms, it sends the compassion that we all ought to feel -- one for another. And she feels as strongly as I do that we've got to find ways to strengthen the fabric of society by strengthening the American family. (Applause.)

This Agenda for American Renewal promotes savings and investment, because in America the future is our children's birthright. And so here's what I'm fighting for: To reinvent -- literally reinvent American education and give every American the fundamental right to choose the best school for their children. (Applause.) Fighting to reform our crazy legal system, because, as a nation, we must sue each other less and care for each other more. These suits are out of hand. (Applause.)

And then to use market and competition to cut the cost of health care and make it available to all of your neighbors. And it seems to me if you see a doctor once, you shouldn't have to go back a month later when you get the bill to be treated for aftershock. (Laughter and applause.) So we have a good, new health reform program, and I think it's time to bring some sanity to our health care system.

And I want to bring real change to Washington by limiting the terms of the members of Congress -- (applause) -- and give the power back to real people. The President's terms are limited; why not limit the terms of some of those old geezers up there that have been there for about 50 years? (Applause.)

And, finally, I'm fighting for economic security, for every man and woman in America. And I know that Social Security and Medicare are important to all of you, to all of us. And I'm sure some of you have heard my opponent's ads on the subject. Understand, Governor Clinton's a very ambitious politician. That's fine. But in his first try on the national scene he's using the oldest trick in the world -- trying to scare America's seniors.

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And here are the facts: I have proposed a comprehensive program to reform our health care system, to improve health care for all Americans. And the only proposal I've made to -- will affect Medicare benefits is to give people with highest incomes a smaller government subsidy. But I believe we can get big savings by cutting the fat out of an inefficient system, but going after things like the \$25 billion in potential savings in malpractice insurance. But we can reform health care without cutting your health benefits. I have protected them as President -- (applause) -- and I'm going to continue to protect them. (Applause.)

Bill Clinton's got a different idea. He wants the government to get involved in setting prices -- setting health care prices. But the experts said it could force people to wait in line for treatment they want and need. Governor Clinton's plan would require \$218 billion in cuts in Medicaid and Medicare over the next five years. And so at the same time he's scaring you, he will not tell the seniors across this state and across the country where he's going to get the over \$200 billion in savings that he wants. I think you deserve an answer to this.

These are the facts. They are pure and simple facts. And it's the same with Social Security. In 1983 -- most people will probably remember this -- in 1983, we took steps to make sure Social Security would stay financially sound, and we have kept it that way. And no matter what Governor Clinton says, as long as I am President, Social Security will remain safe and sound. And as I said in the State of the Union message -- and I repeat it here -- I will not mess with Social Security, and I will not let Congress mess with Social Security. (Applause.) And I will not let anyone take a knife to your Medicare benefits.

Now, ultimately none of us will be secure without a strong economy. And that's a fundamental issue of the campaign. And the differences in approach couldn't be more dramatic.

I know America's endured some very tough economic times. But understand, we are being affected -- and most people know this -- by a global economic slowdown. Our competitors in Europe would trade places with us in a minute. And yet Governor Clinton offers America the European social welfare state policies -- more government, more special interest spending, more taxes on the middle class.

And as Governor, Bill Clinton raised and extended the sales tax, including a tax on vegetables and other groceries. He raised the gas tax. He taxed mobile homes. He even taxed cable TV -- taxes that hit the middle class and seniors the hardest.

And now in this campaign, he says he's changed his ways. He's proposing at least \$150 billion in new taxes plus at least \$220 billion in new spending. But don't worry, he says, I'll get it all from the rich -- the people who make over \$200,000 -- that top two percent.

Well, yesterday in The Washington Post, his economic spokesman was quoted admitting to a reporter that the top two percent is not people over \$200,000. He said that was just shorthand. Well, he's right. It's shorthand. Governor Clinton's plan is shorthand for socking it to the nurses and the teachers and the cab drivers and the middle class people who always get the shaft. And I am not going to let it happen. We're going to take this case to the American people. (Applause.)

To get the money -- to get the money that he needs for this plan -- the \$150 billion that he's promised in new taxes -- he would have to get his money from every individual with taxable income over \$36,600. And that is a fact. And these

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aren't the folks you see on "Lifestyles of the Rich and the Famous." They work hard, and they deserve a break.

But that's just a start. Because hardly a day goes by when candidate Clinton isn't signing on some plea for some new government spending program. And before he's done, Bill Clinton is going to need hundreds of billions of dollars more to pay for all the programs he's promised. You've got every right to say well, who will pay? And the same people who always pay -- the people who work hard and sweat it out at tax time. Bill Clinton wants you to sweat harder for the tax man, and I say his ideas deserve a cold shower. (Applause.)

Just some examples: Let's say your daughter's a third grade teacher with about \$22,000 a year in taxable income. She already pays about \$1,300 in taxes. And Governor Clinton could have her fork over another \$430 a year to the tax man -- that is, if he's going to pay for all the social programs and pay for the additional spending that he's already proposed. And I say that that woman ought to be able to use that money to pay for the grandkids' education or pay the mortgage on her house, not to send it back to the IRS.

Bill Clinton can protest all he wants, but his numbers do not add up. And I'm not going to let him take the difference out of your income. (Applause.)

And now, whenever I say this, Governor Clinton says it's outrageous. He'd never considered taxing the middle class. He's, quote -- here's what he says about himself -- "a different kind of Democrat." Well, there's nothing different about \$150 billion in new taxes right out of the shoot. There's nothing different about at least \$220 billion in new government spending -- spending he's already proposed. And there's nothing different in Bill Clinton's record in Arkansas where he's treated the middle class like a piggy bank to pay for all his programs.

Remember Mike Dukakis, the tank driver? (Laughter.) Well, Bill Clinton nominated him for President four years ago. And this year, according to an article in The New York Times, 39 of Governor Clinton's economic proposals are virtually identical to the ideas Governor Dukakis was pushing -- higher taxes, more spending, a bigger deficit. And I say, simply: These things are wrong for America. (Applause.) We've got fundamental differences here. I'm getting warmed up on you, because I think we're going to have three debates; so I'm practicing here today. (Laughter and applause.)

Governor Clinton wants you to believe that the American economy will improve if you turn full control of your paycheck over to the crew that already runs the Congress. He wants the tax-and-spend government planners to have total control over the Executive Branch, too. And last time they tried this -- we ended up with double-digit inflation and rising interest rates, and a Misery Index -- inflation and unemployment -- over 20 percent.

Think about what inflation does to people on fixed incomes. Bill Clinton and his friends in Congress would let the lion of inflation out of its cage. And I say, let's lock it away, keep it from your bank account, keep your savings sacrosanct, not to be wiped out by inflation. (Applause.)

And so my case to the American people is this: At this time in our history, we simply cannot take the risk on a President with no national experience and a miserable Arkansas record to run on. (Applause.)

Since I've been in the Oval Office I've faced some very difficult decisions. That's what you pay me to do. And, yes, I've made some mistakes; when I make a mistake I'll admit it. But I believe I've been a good leader. I've tried to make

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the tough calls. (Applause.) I've tried to make the tough calls, willing to tell people not what they want to hear, but what they need to hear. And I stand before you today asking for your support so that we can get to work with a new Congress to fix the problems that stand in the way of this country; and so that we reform our health care system; that we literally reinvent our schools; so that we can retrain workers from one generation and create jobs for the next; and so that we can cut government spending and cut taxes to get this economy moving again; and so that we can limit terms of the Members of the Congress and give government back to the people. (Applause.)

And if you're looking for a leader of experience and ideas, a leader who shares your values, a leader who knows that America's heartbeat can be found not in Washington, but in places like Clearwater and Largo and St. Pete and Tampa, then I hope I can count on your support on November 3rd.

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

The meeting is adjourned. Thank you. (Applause.)

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9:42 A.M. EDT

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/2/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: TODAY, 10/2 5:00pm

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ON TOP OF THE WORLD RETIREMENT CENTER
 SUBJECT: CLEARWATER, FL - OCT. 3

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 5:00 p.m., TODAY, OCT. 2, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ON TOP OF THE WORLD RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 3, 1992
9:25 A.M.

Thank you, Sidney [Colen], for those warm words.

[Acknowledgements.] // You've got it all: Swimming pool,
tennis courts, shuffle board -- even horseshoe pits. Maybe
Barbara and I will come down here when we retire -- in 1997. //

This campaign, like every campaign, is about a simple
question: what kind of America do we want -- for our kids and our
grandkids? //

For a young man, Bill Clinton's got a tired way of looking
at the world. He says America is over the hill, struggling in
the sunset years of this century. At the Democratic convention,
he said he saw the U.S. sliding down the list of nations,
somewhere past Germany and heading for Sri Lanka.

Governor Clinton needs to talk to the Europeans. Talk to
the people of Asia -- they'd tell him. The American worker is
still the most productive -- the American economy is still the
most dynamic. Any way you measure it -- America is still "On Top
of the World." //

How do we stay Number One? That's the question. / I have
laid out my Agenda for American Renewal -- a specific,
comprehensive, integrated agenda to create in America -- the
world's very first \$10 trillion economy./

My agenda offers real-world solutions for real-world problems. As I told Sidney, I put it together after long discussion -- hours of intense argument -- with the best minds available anywhere. //

And Sidney said: "When were you ever at the Coffee Corner?"

My agenda for renewal asks that we look forward -- to open new markets for American products -- because that is the way we will create new jobs for American workers. //

My agenda prepares our young people to work -- because that is the way we will win. //

My agenda helps strengthen the American family -- because family is still the foundation of our nation. //

My agenda aims at promoting savings and investment -- because America must always be a country where we put tomorrow ahead of today.//

Here's what I'm fighting for:

To re-invent American education -- give every American the fundamental right to choose the best school for their children.

To reform our crazy legal system -- because as a nation, we must sue each other less and care for each other more.//

To use competition to cut the cost of health care and make it more affordable to you and your families. The way I see it, you should only have a headache when you go to the doctor -- not two months later when you get the bill.//

Finally, I'm fighting for economic security -- for every man and woman in America. //

I know that Social Security and Medicare are vital issues to all of you. And that's why it bothers me so much that Bill Clinton's so desperate to win that he's putting aside the facts to play on your fears.

Here are the facts: I've proposed a comprehensive program to reform our health care system -- to improve health care for all Americans. But I will not reduce your Medicare benefits to get there. We need to cut the fat out of an inefficient system - not cut your health care benefits.

Bill Clinton's got a different idea in mind: A government takeover of health care -- forcing people to wait in lines for treatment they want and need. His plan would require \$218 billion in cuts in Medicaid and Medicare over the next five years to meet his targets. Where does he think he's going to get those savings? How does he expect to cut over \$200 billion from Medicare and Medicaid without hurting people like you?

Bill Clinton's abandoned straight talk for scare tactics. Without a single shred of evidence, he's claimed we're going to cut Medicare benefits. / He knows better -- and he ought to be ashamed. You know I've been right out in the open: The only proposal I've made that will affect Medicare benefits is to give people with income over \$100,000 a year a smaller government subsidy.

I think Bill Clinton's in for a surprise, because America's seniors are smarter than he thinks. And if anyone thinks

nothing's worse than making senior citizens scared -- wait until you make 'em mad. //

You know, in 1983, we took steps to make sure Social Security would stay financially sound. As long as I am President, Social Security will remain safe and sound. I will ^{mess with Darmon} ~~not touch~~ Social Security. I will not let Congress ^{mess with Darmon} ~~touch~~ Social Security. And I won't let anyone take a knife to your Medicare benefits.//

These are just some of the things 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. The people there are decent and hard working. But there's a lot you don't know about their Governor. And the more you find out, the more you find out that he's wrong for America.//

Look at the issue of crime -- and the fear it strikes, especially, for America's children and for our senior citizens. We didn't fight for peace in the world to see a nation live in fear, locked behind bolted doors in a prison called home.//

Candidate Clinton -- meet Governor Clinton. In Arkansas, the average criminal serves just one-fifth of his sentence -- then he's let back out on the streets.

Compare that to our federal prisons today. The average inmate serves 85 percent of his sentence. When it comes to crime, I'm not much for leniency and compassion. If you steal a car or beat an elderly woman -- you ought to go to jail. I say

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you shouldn't be let out, until you're eligible for a birthday salute from Willard Scott.//

But don't ask me who's tough on crime. Ask the police in Little Rock, Arkansas. The cops who know Bill Clinton best, have endorsed me -- as the best candidate for President of the United States.//

It's the same thing on every issue. Governor Clinton says he's for civil rights, but Arkansas doesn't have a basic civil rights law. He says he's for high tech -- but under Bill 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. He says he's for a clean environment, but the Institute for Southern Studies ranked Arkansas 50th in environmental policies. / The rivers around Arkansas are some of the most polluted in America. Governor Clinton sometimes sounds as if he can walk on water. Well in Arkansas, the rivers are so polluted -- maybe he can. //

Your grandchildren deserve better than this. So does all America.

Look at the economy, the major issue in this campaign.

I know America has endured some tough economic times, but understand, we are being affected by a global economic slowdown. Our competitors in Europe would trade places with us in a minute. Yet Governor Clinton offers America -- the European social welfare state policies. More government. More special interest spending. More taxes on the middle class.

As Governor, Bill Clinton raised and extended the sales tax, including a tax on vegetables and other groceries. He raised the gas tax, he taxed mobile homes, he even taxed cable TV. //

In this campaign, the Governor of Arkansas is proposing at least \$150 billion in new taxes -- plus at least \$220 billion in new spending. But don't worry, he says -- I'll get it all from the rich.

But here's the truth. To get the money he needs for his plan, the \$150 billion he's promised in new taxes, Governor Clinton would have to get his money from every individual with taxable income over \$36,600.

These aren't the folks you see on Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous -- they work hard, they deserve a break.//

But that's just the start of his tax campaign against the middle-class. Hardly a day goes by when Candidate Clinton isn't signing on to some plea for new government spending. Before he's done, Bill Clinton's going to need hundreds of billions of dollars more to pay for all the programs he's promised. Who will pay? The same people who always pay: The people who work hard to pay their bills, who sweat it out at tax time. Bill Clinton wants you to sweat harder for the tax man -- and I say his ideas deserve a cold shower.//

Listen to the newspaper from his own back yard, The Pine Bluff Commercial. Here's what they say: "If Congress followed the example that Bill Clinton has set as Governor of Arkansas, it would pass a program that hit the middle-class hardest."

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Now, I don't think that Pine Bluff paper is bluffing.

Let's say your ~~granddaughter~~ ^J is a third grade teacher -- with about \$22,000 a year in taxable income. Governor Clinton could have her fork over another \$430 bucks a year to the tax man. And I say she ought to be able to use that money to pay for your grandkids education, or pay the mortgage on her house, not send it back to the IRS.//

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Higher taxes. More spending. A bigger deficit. America deserves something different than this.

Bill Clinton wants you to believe that the American economy will improve if you turn full control of your paycheck over to the crew that already runs the Congress -- he wants the tax and

spend government planners to have total control over the Executive Branch, too.

Last time they tried this, we ended up with double-digit inflation -- rising interest rates -- a misery index over 21 percent. We've seen what happens when the party of "tax and spend" operates without checks and balances. //

Think about what inflation does to people on fixed incomes. Bill Clinton and his friends in Congress want to let the lion of inflation out of its cage. I say: Let's lock it away for good.

At this time in our history, we can't take that risk again. You see, I've been in the Oval Office, I've faced the tough decisions.

I've made some mistakes and I've admitted them.

But I believe I've been a good leader -- willing to make the tough calls -- I'm a leader whose ideas are right for America.

I stand before you today, asking for your support so that we can get to work with a new Congress to fix the problems that stand in the way of this country.

So that we reform our health care system, and reinvent our schools. So that we can retrain the workers from one generation, and create jobs for the next. So that we can cut government spending and cut taxes -- to get this economy moving again. So that we can limit the terms of members of Congress -- and give government back to the people.

This is the Agenda I have to offer.

If you want someone who has more plans than there are problems -- cast your vote for someone else [[OR: for the other guy -- or the other other guy.]]

But if you are 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 Clearwater and Largo and St. Pete and Tampa - - then I know I can count on your support -- on November 3rd. //

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 2, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DAN MC GROARTY

SUBJECT: CLEARWATER RETIREMENT COMMUNITY EVENT

I. Summary

On Saturday, October 2, at 9:25 a.m., you will deliver remarks (16 minutes, on prompter) to approximately 1,000 people gathered in the Activities Center at the On Top of the World retirement community.

II. Discussion

You remarks include your stump speech and an insert on Medicare and Social Security.

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RESPONSE: TO: DAN MCGROARTY

The NSC staff concurs as amended.

Brent Scowcroft

cc: Phillip D. Brady

October 2, 1992
PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
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CLEARWATER, FLORIDA
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This is the Agenda I have to offer.

If you want someone who has more plans than there are problems -- cast your vote for someone else [[OR: for the other guy -- or the other other guy.]]

But if you are 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 Clearwater and Largo and St. Pete and Tampa - - then I know I can count on your support -- on November 3rd. //

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

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To → Nick Calio

JAB said this was ok if you get OMB's approval & confirm with DOD. Could you pls clear with them?
cc R. f. Darman
K. Grooms

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Let me know the result so we can work it into any remarks.

(The) RBZ

September 28, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: NICHOLAS E. CALIO *NEC*
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida

- o Senator Connie Mack (R-FL) contacted you advocating the relocation of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Aircraft Operations Center, which was damaged in Hurricane Andrew, from Miami International Airport to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa.
- o On September 9, Commerce Secretary Franklin wrote to Defense Secretary Cheney to request the transfer of the airfield, runway, and necessary support buildings at MacDill Air Force Base to NOAA's Aircraft Operations Center.
- o As background, the 1991 Base Closure Commission recommended withdrawing U.S. Air Force operations from the MacDill Base by 1994. However, two of the Department of Defense's Joint Commands, i.e., Central Command and Special Operations Command, will continue to be located at MacDill.
- o The Air Force and NOAA have met to work out an arrangement that does not violate the 1991 Base Closure decision. I am told that the Air Force will recommend to Secretary Cheney the transfer of the property, which will require a waiver from the Office of Management and Budget, and the Joint Commands will support the continued air operations as a tenant to the Department of Commerce.

NOTE: Per Janet Mullins, this memo is OMB-
SEE MEMO FROM CHENEY TO FRANKLIN
-Mullins

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend we confirm that the Department of Defense will transfer the MacDill Air Force Base property to NOAA's Aircraft Operations Center and consider announcing the new activity for the Base during the President's trip to Tampa on October 3.

cc: Bob Zoellick
Margaret Tutwiler
Gary Foster
Karen Grooms

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DoD's concern -
reopening Base Closings
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NOTE FOR: JANET MULLINS

FROM: JOSH BOLTEN *JB*

RE: MacDill AFB

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Per our conversation this afternoon re MacDill AFB and the President's remarks in Tampa on Saturday, attached are:

1. Suggested remarks inserts from Rep. Bill Young (R-FL).
2. Suggested inserts from DOD.
3. 10/1 letter from Cheney to Franklin reflecting the deal.

Kim McKernan (x7030) has background on the issue.

cc: Gary Foster
Dan McGroarty

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NOAA is part of the Department of Commerce and that Department, in cooperation with the Air Force, has begun the process to make this happen in a way that means jobs, technological advancement and effective use of our resources.

I'll be watching this development closely. It means good planning has brought good news.

*Title Document -
NOAA.*

SAF/GC/30 Rep 92/11:00am

**THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1000

October 1, 1992

Honorable Barbara Hackman Franklin
Secretary of Commerce
Washington, DC 20280

Dear Secretary Franklin:

This is in reply to your letter of September 9, 1992, expressing an interest in acquiring access to aviation facilities at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, for use by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, the aviation-related property at MacDill AFB will be available for transfer no later than March 31, 1994. It is our intention to seek a transfer of the airfield to a local use authority. NOAA's proposed use of the aviation facilities appears to be compatible with the Department of Defense (DoD) administrative functions which will remain at the installation after the departure of the Air Force's flying mission. Further, certain DoD functions at the installation will have a continuing requirement for access to aviation facilities and would be likely tenants for any future operator of the airport. Therefore, based on the above, DoD will support your interest in acquiring access to the airfield, runway and necessary support facilities. Pending a final decision on the reuse of the current airfield, the Air Force will negotiate with your representatives to accommodate your needs on an interim basis. They will also insure that your rights as a prime tenant will be an integral part of negotiations with any ultimate airfield authority.

To initiate such a negotiation, I recommend that the Department of Commerce forward to the Air Force Base Disposal Agency requests for both the long term and interim use of the airfield. The Director of the Air Force Base Disposal Agency, Colonel David K. Cannan, and his staff, are prepared to assist and work with your Department in this matter. They may be reached at (703) 614-6886.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dick Cheney".

MacDill insert

....I have a short announcement of great importance to the people of the Tampa community.

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changed per B.Howard, OMB
Kim McKernan
Josh Bolten

Christina: I've told everyone that
Dean McGrath is the contact
as to where this is announced
in Tampa/Clearwater.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 5:00 p.m., TODAY, OCT. 2, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

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RESPONSE:

~~See~~ No comments

(R. Brady may respond at a later time)

PHILLIP D. BRADY
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Ext. 2702

McGroarty/Nix
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Thank you, Sidney [Colen]. Allow me to quickly thank several people who have joined us this morning: Bill Grant, Candidate for U.S. Senate; Jeanie Austin, R.N.C. Vice-Chairman, and Marian Keith, longtime G.O.P. volunteer and a resident of "On Top of the World". And a special welcome to Gerald MacRaney. Major Dad will be traveling with us all across Florida today. We love having him along, except every time my speeches go too long -- he makes me drop in the aisle of Air Force One --and do fifty push ups.

In honor of the Major's presence I'd like to start this morning with an announcement regarding MacDill Air Force Base.

As you know, MacDill played in big role in bringing an end to the Cold War -- and in Desert Storm. Now I am pleased to announce that the Air Force and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration -- will work together to make MacDill a major center for NOAA's fleet of research aircraft.

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I know that Social Security and Medicare are important to all of you. I'm sure some of you have heard my opponents ads on

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Here are the facts: I've proposed a comprehensive program to reform our health care system -- to improve health care for all Americans. The only proposal I've made that will affect Medicare benefits is to give people with incomes over \$100,000 a smaller government subsidy.

I believe we can get big savings by cutting the fat out of an inefficient system -- by going after things like the \$25 billion in potential savings in malpractice insurance. But we can reform health care -- without cutting your health care benefits.

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Well, he's right. It is shorthand. Governor Clinton's plan is short-hand for socking it to the nurses and the teachers and cab drivers -- the middle-class people who always get the shaft. And I'm not going to let it happen.

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But I believe I've been a good leader -- willing to make the tough calls -- I'm a leader whose ideas are right for America.

I stand before you today, asking for your support so that we can get to work with a new Congress to fix the problems that stand in the way of this country.

So that we reform our health care system, and reinvent our schools. So that we can retrain the workers from one generation, and create jobs for the next. So that we can cut government spending and cut taxes -- to get this economy moving again. So that we can limit the terms of members of Congress -- and give government back to the people.

This is the Agenda I have to offer.

If you want someone who has more plans than there are problems -- cast your vote for someone else [[OR: for the other guy -- or the other other guy.]]

But if you are 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 Clearwater and Largo and St. Pete and Tampa - - then I know I can count on your support -- on November 3rd. //

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

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ON TOP OF THE WORLD RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 3, 1992
9:25 A.M.

THANK YOU, SIDNEY [COLEN]. ALLOW ME TO
QUICKLY THANK SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE JOINED
US THIS MORNING: BILL GRANT, CANDIDATE FOR
U.S. SENATE; JEANIE AUSTIN, R.N.C. VICE-
CHAIRMAN, AND MARIAN KEITH, LONGTIME G.O.P.
VOLUNTEER AND A RESIDENT OF "ON TOP OF THE
WORLD". AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO GERALD
MACRANEY. MAJOR DAD WILL BE TRAVELING WITH
US ALL ACROSS FLORIDA TODAY. WE LOVE HAVING
HIM ALONG, EXCEPT EVERY TIME MY SPEECHES GO
TOO LONG -- HE MAKES ME DROP IN THE AISLE OF
AIR FORCE ONE -- AND DO FIFTY PUSH UPS.

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&
Mac
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IN HONOR OF THE MAJOR'S PRESENCE I'D
LIKE TO START THIS MORNING WITH AN
ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING MACDILL AIR FORCE
BASE.

AS YOU KNOW, MACDILL PLAYED A BIG ROLE
IN BRINGING AN END TO THE COLD WAR -- AND IN
DESERT STORM. NOW I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
THAT THE AIR FORCE AND THE NATIONAL OCEANIC
AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION -- WILL WORK
TOGETHER TO MAKE MACDILL A MAJOR CENTER FOR
NOAA'S FLEET OF RESEARCH AIRCRAFT.

THIS REPRESENTS A BIG VICTORY FOR SENATOR CONNIE MACK AND CONGRESSMAN BILL YOUNG -- WHO ARE BOTH BACK IN WASHINGTON TODAY. I'D ALSO LIKE TO MENTION AL AUSTIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE MACDILL RESPONSE GROUP, WHO PLAYED A BIG ROLE IN FINDING A USE FOR MACDILL THAT WILL SERVE OUR NATIONAL INTEREST -- AND PROVIDE A MAJOR BOOST TO THIS AREA'S ECONOMY. //

NOW, ABOUT THIS LITTLE MATTER OF AN ELECTION -- A MONTH FROM TODAY.

THIS CAMPAIGN, LIKE EVERY CAMPAIGN, IS ABOUT A SIMPLE QUESTION: WHAT KIND OF AMERICA DO WE WANT -- FOR OUR KIDS AND OUR GRANDKIDS? //

MY OPPONENT SAYS AMERICA IS OVER THE HILL. AT THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, HE SAID HE SAW THE U.S. SLIDING DOWN THE LIST OF NATIONS, SOMEWHERE PAST GERMANY AND HEADING FOR SRI LANKA.

WELL, MAYBE THE YOUNG GOVERNOR NEEDS TO WALK THE STREETS OF EUROPE, TALK TO THE PEOPLE OF ASIA -- THEY'D REMIND HIM OF A FEW FACTS. AMERICANS ARE STILL THE MOST EDUCATED PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. THE AMERICAN ECONOMY IS STILL THE MOST DYNAMIC -- AMERICAN WORKERS STILL THE MOST PRODUCTIVE. ANY WAY YOU MEASURE IT -- AMERICA IS STILL "ON TOP OF THE WORLD." //

HOW DO WE STAY NUMBER ONE? THAT'S THE QUESTION. / I HAVE LAID OUT MY AGENDA FOR AMERICAN RENEWAL -- A COMPREHENSIVE, INTEGRATED AGENDA TO CREATE IN AMERICA -- THE WORLD'S VERY FIRST \$10 TRILLION ECONOMY. /

MY AGENDA FOR RENEWAL DEMANDS THAT WE OPEN NEW MARKETS FOR AMERICAN PRODUCTS -- BECAUSE THAT IS THE WAY WE WILL CREATE NEW JOBS FOR AMERICAN WORKERS. //

MY AGENDA PREPARES OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO EXCEL IN SCIENCE AND MATH AND ENGLISH -- BECAUSE THAT IS THE WAY THEY WILL OUTPERFORM THE JAPANESE AND THE GERMANS. //

MY AGENDA HELPS STRENGTHEN THE AMERICAN
FAMILY -- BECAUSE WE MUST NEVER FORGET --
FAMILY IS STILL THE FOUNDATION OF OUR
NATION. //

MY AGENDA PROMOTES SAVINGS AND
INVESTMENT -- BECAUSE IN AMERICA -- THE
FUTURE IS OUR CHILDREN'S BIRTHRIGHT.//

SO HERE'S WHAT I'M FIGHTING FOR:

TO RE-INVENT AMERICAN EDUCATION -- AND
GIVE EVERY AMERICAN THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO
CHOOSE THE BEST SCHOOL FOR THEIR CHILDREN.//

TO REFORM OUR CRAZY LEGAL SYSTEM --
BECAUSE AS A NATION, WE MUST SUE EACH OTHER
LESS AND CARE FOR EACH OTHER MORE.//

TO USE COMPETITION TO CUT THE COST OF
HEALTH CARE AND MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO ALL
YOUR NEIGHBORS. SEEMS TO ME, IF YOU SEE A
DOCTOR ONCE -- YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO GO BACK
A MONTH LATER, WHEN YOU GET THE BILL -- TO
BE TREATED FOR AFTERSHOCK. LETS BRING SOME
SANITY TO OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM./

AND I WANT TO BRING REAL CHANGE TO
WASHINGTON -- BY LIMITING THE TERMS OF
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS -- AND GIVE POWER BACK
TO REAL PEOPLE.//

**FINALLY, I'M FIGHTING FOR ECONOMIC
SECURITY -- FOR EVERY MAN AND WOMAN IN
AMERICA. //**

**I KNOW THAT SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE
ARE IMPORTANT TO ALL OF YOU. I'M SURE SOME
OF YOU HAVE HEARD MY OPPONENTS ADS ON THE
SUBJECT. UNDERSTAND, GOVERNOR CLINTON IS A
VERY AMBITIOUS POLITICIAN. IN HIS FIRST TRY
ON THE NATIONAL STAGE -- HE'S TRYING AN OLD
TRICK -- TRYING TO SCARE SENIOR CITIZENS.**

HERE ARE THE FACTS: I'VE PROPOSED A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM TO REFORM OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM -- TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE FOR ALL AMERICANS. THE ONLY PROPOSAL I'VE MADE THAT WILL AFFECT MEDICARE BENEFITS IS TO GIVE PEOPLE WITH INCOMES OVER \$100,000 A SMALLER GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY.

I BELIEVE WE CAN GET BIG SAVINGS BY CUTTING THE FAT OUT OF AN INEFFICIENT SYSTEM -- BY GOING AFTER THINGS LIKE THE \$25 BILLION IN POTENTIAL SAVINGS IN MALPRACTICE INSURANCE. BUT WE CAN REFORM HEALTH CARE - - WITHOUT CUTTING YOUR HEALTH CARE BENEFITS.

BILL CLINTON'S GOT A DIFFERENT IDEA IN MIND. HE WANTS THE GOVERNMENT TO GET INVOLVED IN SETTING HEALTH CARE PRICES -- BUT THE EXPERTS SAY IT COULD FORCE PEOPLE TO WAIT IN LINES FOR TREATMENT THEY WANT AND NEED. GOVERNOR CLINTON'S PLAN WOULD REQUIRE \$218 BILLION IN CUTS IN MEDICAID AND MEDICARE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. SO AT THE SAME TIME HE'S SCARING YOU, HE WON'T TELL SENIORS WHERE HE'S GOING TO GET THE OVER \$200 BILLION IN SAVINGS HE WANTS FROM. I THINK YOU DESERVE AN ANSWER.

THESE ARE THE FACTS -- PURE AND SIMPLE. AND IT'S THE SAME WAY WITH SOCIAL SECURITY.

IN 1983, WE TOOK STEPS TO MAKE SURE
SOCIAL SECURITY WOULD STAY FINANCIALLY SOUND
-- AND WE HAVE KEPT IT THAT WAY. NO MATTER
WHAT GOVERNOR CLINTON SAYS, AS LONG AS I AM
PRESIDENT, SOCIAL SECURITY WILL REMAIN SAFE
AND SOUND. I WILL NOT MESS WITH SOCIAL
SECURITY. I WILL NOT LET CONGRESS MESS WITH
SOCIAL SECURITY. AND I WON'T LET ANYONE
TAKE A KNIFE TO YOUR MEDICARE BENEFITS.//

ULTIMATELY, NONE OF US WILL BE SECURE,
WITHOUT A STRONG ECONOMY. THAT IS A
FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE OF THIS CAMPAIGN -- AND
THE DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH COULDN'T BE MORE
DRAMATIC.

I KNOW AMERICA HAS ENDURED SOME TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES, BUT UNDERSTAND, WE ARE BEING AFFECTED BY A GLOBAL ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN. OUR COMPETITORS IN EUROPE WOULD TRADE PLACES WITH US IN A MINUTE. YET GOVERNOR CLINTON OFFERS AMERICA -- THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL WELFARE STATE POLICIES. MORE GOVERNMENT. MORE SPECIAL INTEREST SPENDING. MORE TAXES ON THE MIDDLE CLASS.

AS GOVERNOR, BILL CLINTON RAISED AND EXTENDED THE SALES TAX, INCLUDING A TAX ON VEGETABLES AND OTHER GROCERIES. HE RAISED THE GAS TAX, HE TAXED MOBILE HOMES, HE EVEN TAXED CABLE T.V. -- TAXES THAT HIT THE MIDDLE-CLASS AND SENIORS THE HARDEST. //

NOW, IN THIS CAMPAIGN, GOVERNOR CLINTON SAYS HE'S CHANGED HIS WAYS. HE'S PROPOSING AT LEAST \$150 BILLION IN NEW TAXES -- PLUS AT LEAST \$220 BILLION IN NEW SPENDING. BUT DON'T WORRY, HE SAYS -- I'LL GET IT ALL FROM THE RICH -- THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE OVER \$200,000 -- THE TOP 2 PERCENT.

WELL, YESTERDAY IN THE WASHINGTON POST, HIS ECONOMIC SPOKESMAN WAS QUOTED ADMITTING TO A REPORTER THAT THE TOP 2 PERCENT IS NOT PEOPLE OVER \$200,000. HE SAID THAT WAS JUST "SHORTHAND."

WELL, HE'S RIGHT. IT IS SHORTHAND.
GOVERNOR CLINTON'S PLAN IS SHORT-HAND FOR
SOCKING IT TO THE NURSES AND THE TEACHERS
AND CAB DRIVERS -- THE MIDDLE-CLASS PEOPLE
WHO ALWAYS GET THE SHAFT. AND I'M NOT GOING
TO LET IT HAPPEN.

HERE ARE THE FACTS.

TO GET THE MONEY HE NEEDS FOR HIS PLAN,
THE \$150 BILLION HE'S PROMISED IN NEW TAXES,
GOVERNOR CLINTON WOULD HAVE TO GET HIS MONEY
FROM EVERY INDIVIDUAL WITH TAXABLE INCOME
OVER \$36,600. THAT'S A FACT.

THESE AREN'T THE FOLKS YOU SEE ON
LIFESTYLES OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS -- THEY
WORK HARD, THEY DESERVE A BREAK.//

BUT THAT'S JUST THE START. BECAUSE
HARDLY A DAY GOES BY WHEN CANDIDATE CLINTON
ISN'T SIGNING ON TO SOME PLEA FOR NEW
GOVERNMENT SPENDING. BEFORE HE'S DONE, BILL
CLINTON'S GOING TO NEED HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS
OF DOLLARS MORE TO PAY FOR ALL THE PROGRAMS
HE'S PROMISED. WHO WILL PAY? THE SAME
PEOPLE WHO ALWAYS PAY: THE PEOPLE WHO WORK
HARD AND SWEAT IT OUT AT TAX TIME. BILL
CLINTON WANTS YOU TO SWEAT HARDER FOR THE
TAX MAN -- AND I SAY HIS IDEAS DESERVE A
COLD SHOWER.//

LET'S SAY YOUR DAUGHTER IS A THIRD GRADE TEACHER -- WITH ABOUT \$22,000 A YEAR IN TAXABLE INCOME. SHE ALREADY PAYS ABOUT \$1,300 BUCKS IN TAXES. GOVERNOR CLINTON COULD HAVE HER FORK OVER ANOTHER \$430 BUCKS A YEAR TO THE TAX MAN. AND I SAY SHE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO USE THAT MONEY TO PAY FOR YOUR GRANDKIDS EDUCATION, OR PAY THE MORTGAGE ON HER HOUSE, NOT SEND IT BACK TO THE IRS.//

BILL CLINTON CAN PROTEST ALL HE WANTS, BUT HIS NUMBERS DON'T ADD UP -- AND I'M NOT GOING TO LET HIM TAKE THE DIFFERENCE OUT OF YOUR INCOME.

NOW WHENEVER I SAY THIS, BILL CLINTON SAYS IT'S OUTRAGEOUS -- HE'D NEVER CONSIDER TAXING THE MIDDLE CLASS. HE'S A -- QUOTE - - "DIFFERENT KIND OF DEMOCRAT."

BUT THERE'S NOTHING DIFFERENT ABOUT \$150 BILLION IN NEW TAXES. THERE'S NOTHING DIFFERENT ABOUT AT LEAST \$220 BILLION IN NEW GOVERNMENT SPENDING. THERE'S NOTHING DIFFERENT IN BILL CLINTON'S RECORD IN ARKANSAS -- WHERE HE'S TREATED THE MIDDLE CLASS LIKE A PIGGY-BANK TO PAY FOR ALL HIS PROGRAMS.

REMEMBER MIKE DUKAKIS? BILL CLINTON
NOMINATED HIM FOR PRESIDENT FOUR YEARS AGO.
AND THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE IN
THE NEW YORK TIMES, 39 OF GOVERNOR CLINTON'S
49 ECONOMIC PROPOSALS ARE VIRTUALLY
IDENTICAL TO THE IDEAS GOVERNOR DUKAKIS WAS
PUSHING.

HIGHER TAXES. MORE SPENDING. A BIGGER
DEFICIT. I SAY THESE IDEAS ARE WRONG FOR
AMERICA.//

**BILL CLINTON WANTS YOU TO BELIEVE THAT
THE AMERICAN ECONOMY WILL IMPROVE IF YOU
TURN FULL CONTROL OF YOUR PAYCHECK OVER TO
THE CREW THAT ALREADY RUNS THE CONGRESS --
HE WANTS THE TAX AND SPEND GOVERNMENT
PLANNERS TO HAVE TOTAL CONTROL OVER THE
EXECUTIVE BRANCH, TOO.**

**LAST TIME THEY TRIED THIS, WE ENDED UP
WITH DOUBLE-DIGIT INFLATION -- RISING
INTEREST RATES -- A MISERY INDEX OVER 20
PERCENT. //**

THINK ABOUT WHAT INFLATION DOES TO PEOPLE ON FIXED INCOMES. BILL CLINTON AND HIS FRIENDS IN CONGRESS WOULD LET THE LION OF INFLATION OUT OF ITS CAGE. I SAY: LET'S LOCK IT AWAY -- AND KEEP IT FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT.//

YOU SEE, AT THIS TIME IN OUR HISTORY, WE CAN'T TAKE THE RISK -- ON A PRESIDENT WITH NO NATIONAL EXPERIENCE, AND A MISERABLE ARKANSAS RECORD.

I'VE BEEN IN THE OVAL OFFICE, I'VE FACED THE TOUGH DECISIONS. I'VE MADE SOME MISTAKES AND I'VE ADMITTED THEM.

**BUT I BELIEVE I'VE BEEN A GOOD LEADER -
- WILLING TO MAKE THE TOUGH CALLS -- WILLING
TO TELL PEOPLE NOT WHAT THEY WANT TO HEAR,
BUT WHAT THEY NEED TO HEAR.**

**I STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY, ASKING FOR
YOUR SUPPORT SO THAT WE CAN GET TO WORK WITH
A NEW CONGRESS TO FIX THE PROBLEMS THAT
STAND IN THE WAY OF THIS COUNTRY.**

SO THAT WE REFORM OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, AND REINVENT OUR SCHOOLS. SO THAT WE CAN RETRAIN THE WORKERS FROM ONE GENERATION, AND CREATE JOBS FOR THE NEXT. SO THAT WE CAN CUT GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND CUT TAXES -- TO GET THIS ECONOMY MOVING AGAIN. SO THAT WE CAN LIMIT THE TERMS OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS -- AND GIVE GOVERNMENT BACK TO THE PEOPLE.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A LEADER OF
EXPERIENCE, A LEADER OF IDEAS, A LEADER WHO
SHARES YOUR VALUES, A LEADER WHO KNOWS THAT
AMERICA'S HEARTBEAT CAN BE FOUND NOT IN
WASHINGTON, BUT IN PLACES LIKE CLEARWATER
AND LARGO AND ST. PETE AND TAMPA -- THEN I
KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT -- ON
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-- YOUR ENDORSEMENT MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO ME. IT'S EASY TO ENDORSE SOMEONE WHOSE AHEAD IN THE POLLS, ENDORSING A CANDIDATE WHOSE A LITTLE BEHIND TAKES COURAGE AND PRINCIPLE -- AND I APPRECIATE IT.

-- I ALSO APPRECIATE IT, BECAUSE YOU'RE PUTTING MY RECORD AHEAD OF MY OPPONENT'S RHETORIC.

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-- FRANKLY, I THINK IT'S KIND OF PATHETIC, THAT HE'S RUNNING ADS SUGGESTING I'M GOING TO TOUCH SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE. HE KNOWS BETTER. HERE ARE THE FACTS.

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THE EXPERTS SAY HIS PLAN COULD LEAD TO RATIONING OF HEALTH CARE. I ASK -- HOW DOES HE EXPECT TO DO THAT -- WITHOUT HURTING PEOPLE LIKE YOU?

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