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...to listen to the crowd would be worse."

...and some very compelling don't quite square with President for 3 years health care plan that still Congress in total; 3 years plan; and he still didn't tax bill he vetoed raised and gave the rest of vetoed it anyway.

...ion: Invest in American tion, control health care ntry together again. I s country to be as bright st, and it can be if we nange.

...dent Bush, your closing

Well, let me tell you a to be President. In the t predict what kind of up. You have to make t be on one hand this nother. You can't take these difficult issues. philosophical—I'd call rpinning; mine for for- acy and freedom. Look ges around the world.

The Soviet Union is vorking with a demo- d, Hungary, Czecho- e free. Take a look at ad to stand up against States came together ny, many years. We Kuwait. In the proc- will and that decision now have ancient en- the Middle East. No- ed it possible.

dividend of making fact that we are less very parent out there t their kids are going ar holocaust. All this

e, what we must do powers people. Not nange, tax and spend. t anymore. What we people. We need to



invest and save. We need to do better in education. We need to do better in job retraining. We need to expand our exports, and they're going very, very well indeed. We need to strengthen the American family.

I hope as President that I've earned your trust. I've admitted it when I make a mistake, but then I go on and help try to solve the problems. I hope I've earned your trust, because a lot of being President is about trust and character. And I ask for your support for 4 more years to finish this job.

Thank you very, very much.

Mr. Lehrer. Don't go away yet. I just want to thank the three panelists and thank the three candidates for participating, President Bush, Governor Clinton, and Mr. Perot. They will appear again together on October the 15th and again on October 19th. Next Tuesday there will be a debate among the three candidates for Vice President.

And for now, from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, I'm Jim Lehrer. Thank you, and good night.

Note: The debate began at 6:03 p.m. in the Field House at Washington University.

Remarks to the Community in St. Louis

October 11, 1992

Thank you all. Thanks for that great rally. And thanks for the welcome back to Missouri. Thank you very, very much. Fantastic. Hey listen, I think you guys were—I am glad to be out of that tag-team match over there. I think with my dear friends the Gatlin Brothers here and Lee, my other dear friend Lee Greenwood, you had the best of all worlds being over here, not over there.

You know, these debate things, the tension mounts. But there's one good thing about them: You can look right into that camera and take your message, unfiltered, right out there to the American people. You can get around, and I think our message is a message

of hope. The other side would have you believe—and the only way they can win is if they try to convince the American people that we are a nation in decline. And we are not. We are the United States. We are a rising nation, the most respected in the entire world.

Yes, we have problems. And on our Agenda for American Renewal we got the answer to fix them. But it would be a sorry thing to think the only way you can do it is to tear down our country. And I'm glad I had an opportunity tonight to stand up for America and stand up for what is right.

We need to win this State, and I need your help. But we also need something else. We need to reelect Senator Kit Bond. He's doing an outstanding job there in the Senate. He's here with us tonight, and a great United States Senator. If we had more like him, we wouldn't have people going around yelling "Clean House!" We need to clean House and Senate; but keep Senator Bond there and send more like him, and watch us move this country forward. Clean the House, that's right.

You heard me tonight on there getting my 2 minutes in every once in a while, I'll tell you. But all I want to say to you is thank you for this. Do not let them get you discouraged about the United States. I believe I am going to win this election because I believe I have the trust of the American people. The election is about world peace. The election is about who has brought change. Governor Clinton talks about change, change, change; that's all you'll have left in your pocket if you put him in there. We don't need any more tax-and-spend. Stay with our program, and watch us move this country forward.

Thank you all. And on a night like this, Lee says it better, but "God Bless the U.S.A." Thank you all very, very much.

Note: The President spoke at 8:30 p.m. at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park. In his remarks, he referred to entertainers the Gatlin Brothers and Lee Greenwood.

**POST-DEBATE RALLY \ ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
OCTOBER 11, 1992**

**THANK YOU (LEE GREENWOOD), AND GOOD EVENING
EVERYONE, THANKS FOR THIS WELCOME -- YOU WARM
MY SOUL.**

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**I KNOW YOU'VE ALL JUST WATCHED POLITICIANS
TALK FOR 90 STRAIGHT MINUTES. SO OUT OF A
SENSE OF CONCERN FOR MY VOCAL CHORDS, AND FOR
YOUR SANITY, I WON'T GO ON VERY LONG RIGHT
NOW.**

**I WILL SAY I FEEL SORRY FOR ANYONE WHO
TURNED IN EARLY TO THE BASEBALL GAME -- AND
INSTEAD SAW A TWO-ON-ONE TAG-TEAM RHETORICAL
WRESTLING MATCH.**

BUT I'LL CONFESS, I DON'T MIND TAKING ON TWO DEBATERS -- IT ALMOST MAKES IT ALMOST AN EVEN FIGHT.//

TONIGHT, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SAW A CLEAR DIFFERENCE -- IN EXPERIENCE, IN PHILOSOPHY, IN IDEAS, IN CHARACTER, IN LEADERSHIP.//

BILL CLINTON'S FRIENDS IN THE MEDIA WANT YOU TO BELIEVE THAT THIS RACE IS OVER -- BUT I THINK THAT'S A LITTLE PREMATURE.

LET'S NOT LET THE MEDIA AND THE POLLS DECIDE THIS ELECTION. I SAY -- LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE.//

LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE -- IF YOU WANT SMALLER GOVERNMENT AND LOWER TAXES.//

LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE -- IF YOU WANT TO GIVE EVERY PARENT THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE YOUR KIDS SCHOOLS.//

**LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE -- IF YOU WANT TO FIX
OUR CRAZY LEGAL SYSTEM -- AND LIMIT THE TERMS
OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.//**

**AND LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE -- IF YOU WANT TO
TURN THE SHIP OF STATE OVER -- TO A LEADER
WITH NO WORLD EXPERIENCE.//**

**AS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE REALLY UNDERSTAND
THE CHOICE THEY FACE THIS NOVEMBER -- I
BELIEVE THEY WILL CHOOSE TO RENEW AMERICA --
WITH OUR LEADERSHIP.//**

**ULTIMATELY WE ARE BATTLING NOT TO WIN AN
ELECTION -- OUR CRUSADE IS MORE THAN THAT.**

**OUR CRUSADE IS TO RENEW AMERICA, IN THE
SAME WAY WE HAVE RENEWED THE WORLD.**

**TO GIVE OUR CHILDREN THE FINEST SCHOOLS, TO
FIX OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, TO TRAIN ONE
GENERATION FOR NEW WORK, AND PROVIDE NEW JOBS
FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.**

**THIS IS WHAT OUR CRUSADE IS ALL ABOUT.
THIS IS WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT THIS EVENING, AND
THE MESSAGE WE WILL CONTINUE TO POUND HOME
-- UNTIL WE WIN ON NOVEMBER 3RD.// THIS IS
WHY WE WILL WIN IN NOVEMBER.**

**THANK YOU ALL FOR TURNING OUT THIS EVENING.
GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.**

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