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October 23, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR STEVE PROVOST
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FROM: JENNIFER GROSSMAN *JG*
SUBJECT: COLOR FOR PADUCAH, KENTUCKY

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--in contrasting with Clinton: "differences as wide as Cumberland Gap." It's the National Historical Park -- shared by Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia. At 20,222 acres, it's the nation's largest historical park.

QUOTES

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HISTORY/KENTUCKY PRIDE

- 1) 200 years ago Kentucky joined the Union as the 15th state. (June 1)
- 2) Kentucky is Lincoln's birthplace.
- 3) Kentucky is the homestate of the McCoy-Hatfield feud -- erupting in 1882.
- 4) In 1937, the US Government established its gold vault at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

- 5) Oct. 27 is the birthday of Teddy Roosevelt (1909). It's also the birthday of Emily Post (1872).
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POLITICAL/CURRENT EVENTS

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ECONOMY (McCracken County)

- 1) In McCracken Country (which Paducah is in), the unemployment rate is 6.3% (lower than the national average and down from their rate of 7.3% in August of '91).
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SUBJECT: PADUCAH RESEARCH -- PART TWO

LOCAL COLOR

- 1) Bluegrass Downs of Paducah, their ads say: "The excitement of the world's fastest athlete -- 'You can bet on it!'"
Maybe near closing POTUS could say: "We're closing the gap, we're gonna pull ahead, and on November we'll be the first cross the finish lines. As they say in Bluegrass Downs: You can bet on it!"
- 2) Irvin Cobb, humorist (see first memo).
quote:
"Here in Paducah...more chickens are fried, more hot biscuits are eaten, more cornpone is consumed and more genuine hospitality is offered than in any town...in the commonwealth."
- 3) Right now at the Museum of the American Quilter's Society, they've got an exhibition called: "More Than Just Something to Keep You Warm."
- 4) At Paducah's Market House Theatre, they're performing the play "The Curious Savage."
- 5) If you do a line on school choice, Paducah private schools are St. John's and St. Mary's.