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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TAUKE/BRANTSAD RALLY  
DES MOINES, IOWA  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1990  
10 A.M.

Tom and Beverly Tauke, Terry and Chris Branstad, Senator Grassley, Congressmen Leach and Lightfoot. Congressman Fred Grandy -- representing his District so well. ((And to think, Fred, there were some who <sup>o</sup>wondered what made you think an actor would have any future in politics.)) // Ladies and gentlemen.

Thank you, <sup>Tom</sup> for those kind words. It's great to be back in Des Moines. // ((I know that you wanted a speaker today who is beloved in Iowa // a man known for his popularity, quick reaction, and grace under pressure. Unfortunately, Hayden Fry couldn't make it -- so I'm here instead.)) //

Last December, I spoke here on behalf of your next U.S. Senator -- Tom Tauke. // In June, I returned for your **current** and **future** Governor -- Terry Branstad. // ((I've spent so much time in Iowa, when I'm away from here a few days, they put out a missing persons report on me.)) // <sup>put my picture on the back of milk cartons.</sup>

((I'm not complaining. Fact is: I love being a fixture in this wonderful State. Here's what I mean. A fellow asked for directions to a local store. He was told, "go down to the fork in the road and bear right. Continue past the post office and turn left. It's right across the street from President Bush.))

2 Spending the night over at the Marriott

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Yet my warmest memories are individual. Whether running track with Dowling High School students in West Des Moines. ~~Or driving to events with Jim Lightfoot. // ((Jim kids me that we've spent more time on road than Charles Kuralt.)) // Or shooting baskets in Janet Metcalf's back yard. ((Actually, when I was younger, Janet, I could dribble a ball with either hand, behind my back, and through my legs. Which got me thrown out of a lot of bowling alleys)). //~~

In short, I know your problems, and priorities. And perhaps, most of all, what you value in your officials: Hard work and honesty, creativity and initiative. You've heard the slogan, "The time is right for Iowa." Well, here's a prediction: On November 6, Iowa is going to say to Tom Tauke and Terry Branstad: The time is right for you. //

Look, first, at their background. Terry Branstad: Served three times in the Iowa House of Representatives -- then, a term as Lieutenant Governor -- then, elected Iowa's youngest-ever Governor. Attorney / farmer / educator / leader. // And Tom Tauke: Elected to the Iowa Legislature and six times to the

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Living room in NW Spencer.  
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House of Representatives. Lawyer / reporter / an exceptional Congressman who will make an even greater U.S. Senator. //

Let's look, next, at their qualities. Both of these candidates are great family men: Tom -- wife Beverly, and their son Joseph. Terry -- wife Chris, and their three kids, Allison, Eric, and Marcus. Each embodies Iowa's strength of character. // Both show what that great Republican, Alf Landon, meant when he said: "There are some intelligent people in Washington. There are more of them" in the Middle West. // Both have fought for the family, the taxpayer, the farmer -- the working people of Iowa. //

These people form the very essence of America -- <sup>leading</sup> ~~proving~~ <sup>to say it</sup> why, <sup>one</sup> ~~as a writer~~ <sup>to say it</sup> said, "Iowa is the land and people is! I would match <sup>it</sup> against the world." // So let me suggest how the entire Republican ticket -- especially / forgive me / "The Tom and Terry Show" -- reflect the ideals that make this America's heartland. Showing that when it comes to defending mainstream values, it's time <sup>to go</sup> ~~to go~~ from silent to Tauke. //

Let me begin with education -- where Terry Branstad, supported by Tom Tauke, has launched a campaign to make America No. 1. You know the facts. Today, Iowa students rank fifth in high school graduation percentage -- and first in ACT scores in America. I want to do nationally, what you have done locally. // We need to build on last year's Education Summit of the Nation's Governors -- a summit <sup>initiated by</sup> ~~starring~~ Terry Branstad. We need to get back to basics like accountability, flexibility, and

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choice. Our National Educational Excellence Act will achieve just that -- and I call on Congress to end \_\_ months of delay. Tom Tauke's campaign theme is, "Talking Straight." The straight talk is that we need Republicans to help Congress to pass a bill which will make -- and keep -- American education No. 1. //

Next, take crime and drugs: Here, too, the time is right for an Iowa GOP sweep. For 15 months, liberal Democrats have sabotaged our Administration's Comprehensive ~~Violent~~ Crime Control Act. Apparently, they think we can soft-pedal the need to be hard on crime. // Tom and Terry disagree. They support a workable death penalty -- a real penalty -- for those who kill Federal law enforcement officers. // If you want to give cop-killers the punishment they deserve, I say: Vote Republican all the way. Elect candidates like Tom and Terry -- who'll show more sympathy for the victim -- and less for the criminals. //

Finally, let me talk about something which embodies Iowa to the Nation, and the world. I refer, of course, to agriculture. // Five years ago, Tom helped pass and Terry supported a pioneering farm bill to help a whole community in crisis. It's no coincidence that, in the late 1980s, farm income hit near-record levels -- or that Terry Branstad has created over 300,000 news jobs -- many of them agricultural -- since 1987. // Our job is to make good news still better. How? By knowing that when it comes to farming, Washington doesn't know best. Iowans do. And electing Tom and Jerry to back a new farm bill that emphasizes market-oriented policies. //

Tune in <sup>to</sup> Tom's debate tonight against his liberal opponent. You'll hear straight talk // at least by Tom // on the need for a new farm bill that's even-handed. And level-headed. Enhancing American competitiveness while increasing choice for farmers and consumers. // We also need to get the most from the grain agreement President Gorbachev and I signed at this summer's summit. A deal calling for at least 50 million metric tons of grain to be purchased by the Soviets in the next five years. // Here's one more way to keep agriculture strong. Remember who grew this grain: Bureaucrats didn't -- Iowans did. As we draft our new farm bill, let's recall that if government is to best lead the people, it needs to match the genius of those here in the Great American Mainstream. We don't need more government in Middle America -- we need more Middle America in government. //

Great line!

~~((So far I've talked of that which divides us. Let me close with that which unites us. Take Tom and Beverly Tauke. While Tom was supporting me in the 1988 primaries, Bev was supporting Bob Dole. // Tom knew that politics make strange bedfellows -- but he didn't know it meant he'd be sleeping in the garage. // Today, like the Branstads, they're together -- and stronger than ever. So it must be for Americans -- both here and abroad.)) //~~

Salt in the wound

At home, this means achieving <sup>a</sup> the comprehensive budget agreement, ~~I have asked Congress to meet~~ cutting the Federal budget deficit by \$500 billion over the next five years. Ask any Iowan: You know Washington's like a family: You can't spend what you don't have. So our budget plan must lower interest

*So with the help of Tom + Terry, lets work to unite America*

rates, cut inflation, and create new jobs. By enacting real spending cuts -- cuts with teeth -- to bring the deficit down. //

Here's what our budget plan musn<sup>not</sup> do. It must not affect military or Federal retirement. It must not mess with Social Security. // Here's what it must do -- and I challenge Congress to do the job. Create the largest deficit reduction package ever. Achieve the largest entitlement savings ever. Draft a plan that is balanced -- tough -- fair -- like Iowans. Give me a plan that special interests may decry -- but that the Nation needs. // One more thing: I will veto any bill which does not ensure funds for America abroad -- especially for Operation Desert Shield.

All of us know that we must defend civilized values around the world. So in the Persian Gulf, we know that the time is right -- as it always -- for straight talk about aggression. // We can't say how long our objectives will take. We don't know what sacrifice will be demanded. This, we do know: America will remain in the Persian Gulf for as long as it takes to complete our mission. // We will keep up the pressure -- and we will keep the faith. Faith with Iowans from the banks of the Mississippi

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((Here are some examples -- all sons and daughters of Iowa -- now on active duty in the Middle East. // INSERT is a . Today, he's standing shoulder to shoulder with colleagues like \_\_ of \_\_,

or \_\_\_ of \_\_\_. Each of them shows that America would not be the land of the free if it were not also the home of the brave.) //

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((These are critical issues -- and critical issues can sometimes divide us. I'm reminded of Tom and Beverly Tauke. While Tom was supporting me in the 1988 primaries, Bev was supporting Bob Dole. // Tom knew politics make strange

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Over the last few weeks we've seen politics that make that division seem like a disagreement over "less filling / tastes great." You know the story: I've made countless proposals to cut the Federal budget deficit by \$500 billion over the next five years. Time after time, I've told politicians on both sides: Let's get with it. Let's complete the job we were sent here to do. // What's been the response? You know that, too. Partisan bickering that puts all of us to shame. Well, I've had it. America has had it, too. Today, I call on the Congress to send me a comprehensive budget plan that will cut spending, help lower interest rates, and create new jobs. In short, a budget plan that will bring this deficit down. //

The test comes three days from now: Congress' budget bill must be passed by both houses no later than October 19. Here is what I will accept. This agreement must be consistent with the Bipartisan Budget Agreement reached two weeks ago -- produced on a bipartisan basis. And include pro-growth incentives. It must deliver real savings through real and enforceable spending cuts. And any budget I sign must include the significant budget process reforms hammered out in the bipartisan budget agreement. //

Let me reiterate: I couldn't be more serious about the October 19 deadline. Eleven days ago, with no budget agreement, I shut down the government to keep the pressure on. If Congress doesn't send me a sound budget that ensures long-term growth, I

will use my veto pen again. Two more things: This budget must not mess with Social Security. Our senior citizens have earned their retirement: Anyone who attacks their savings will be retired by the voters -- and I'll help do it. // Finally, I will veto any plan which does not ensure crucial funds for Operation Desert Shield. //

All of us know that we must stand up to aggression as we defend civilized values around the world -- especially, against the acts of brutality we have seen inflicted by Iraq. At one hospital, Iraqi soldiers unplugged the oxygen to incubators supporting 22 premature babies. All 22 died. Then, they shot five hospital employees. // At another hospital, troops reportedly cut off the oxygen supporting the 75-year-old mother of a Kuwaiti cabinet minister. // Eyewitnesses have told of Iraqis turning 250 mental patients, drug addicts, and others into the street. // Here's some straight talk from an American President: The crimes of these barbarians will not go unpunished.

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