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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TEAM 100 DINNER
EAST ROOM/STATE FLOOR
THURSDAY, JAN. 24, 1991
7:30 P.M.

It is a pleasure to be with this distinguished group -- all of you who ^{Care so deeply about} ~~serve~~ the Republican Party, and America. You ^{are} ~~ve been~~ friends and colleagues. You've endorsed what is right, and good, ^{for this} ~~country~~ country.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart. //

This evening

^{I thought to take a moment} I want ~~to also~~ ^{to} salute two people close to our hearts. The first is the man who tomorrow, ^{will} ~~will~~ become the new RNC Chairman, Clayton Yeutter. // ^{many} Most of you know him -- all of you will admire him. He will be an enormous asset to the Republican Party. // ^{and I am grateful he has agreed to take on yet another tough assignment}

The second person I wish to thank has enriched our party for many years. He is a fighter // a winner // above all, he's our friend and inspiration. The man who tomorrow will become our ~~great~~ General Chairman, Lee Atwater. //

Lee has been forced to keep a low profile. But he, himself, is a profile in courage. All of us extend prayers to Lee, his wife Sally, and his three daughters, Sara Lee, Ashley Page, and Sally T. Here's to the Grand Young Man of the Grand Old Party. //

^{But tonight I want to speak for a few minutes on another} ~~like Lee, you know, what Team 100 is all about. It's about~~ ^{subject on your minds and in the hearts and prayers of all Americans:} ~~the civilized values that America embodies and reveres. Last~~ ^{the P.} ~~week, I addressed the American people on why we must go to war to~~ ^{the night} ~~take~~ ^{our brave airmen} ~~to~~ ^{Gulf} ~~take~~ ^{to} the dangerous night skies of Kuwait and Iraq.

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~~protect these values.~~ No one wanted war less than I. ^{of the Gulf} No one is more determined to seize from blood and tears the real peace, that can create ^{the} a new world order, ^{we seek.} // ^{But it is this hope for a better world that Saddam Hussein threatens.}

I told ~~that~~ ^{America} our goals ^{remain} are the same as when Saddam Hussein invaded

Kuwait: Iraq must withdraw from Kuwait -- completely, immediately, and without condition. The security and stability of the Persian Gulf must be assured. Kuwait's legitimate government must be restored. Kuwait will once again be free. // A

Let's remember how in the first day we flew over 1,000 pinpoint sorties on military targets. And Saddam's response? He targeted innocent civilians, -- ~~as any butcher would.~~ // If doubt existed, ^{before} none remains: ^{today} The issue is whether aggression pays -- or whether aggression is punished. // I cannot tell you how long we will remain in the Gulf. I can tell you: We will stay just as long as it takes to complete our mission. //

To finish the job will require the support of our friends and allies. We have it. Think of the unprecedented United Nations' unity. And the aid -- economic and military -- from countries who support ^{this monumental effort.} self-determination. Think of our Arab allies who are sacrificing so much. As Saddam is learning, this isn't the U.S. against Iraq. It's Iraq against the world. We're not going it alone -- and believe me, we are going to see it through. //

We will prevail for all these reasons -- and because we have the finest armed forces in the history of the world. // Look at Captain Steve Tate of Watersweet, Michigan, who downed the first

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Iraqi airplane in air-to-air combat. *and* Lieutenant Commander Michael Speicher of Jacksonville, our first combat casualty of the war. / Look at the other servicemen and women -- their ground crews, their officers, their families, their friends. / They make us proud. They make us humble. I pledge to you: We will not let them down. //

Right now -- half a world away -- our young men and women are showing that America would not be the land of the free if it were not also the home of the brave. // Let's stand up for them at home and abroad -- showing that we will not waver -- and that Saddam's aggression will not stand. //

On the floor in the entrance *just outside this room* ~~outside several hundred feet from here~~ is a seal that bears an eagle. In one set of talons are the arrows of war; in the other, the olive branch. //

After World War II, it was decided that never again should the eagle's head look toward the arrows. Ever since, it has looked in the direction of ~~honor~~ *the direction of peace*. That is our purpose in the Persian Gulf. ~~It is the purpose that you have aided so generously. It is why we are relying on the courage of our outstanding men and women in uniform.~~ *and we will not fail.* //

So I'd like to conclude with a toast to the finest soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines any Nation ever had: May God bring them back home, and soon. //

Thank you all for being here -- and God bless the United States of America.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TEAM 100 DINNER
EAST ROOM/STATE FLOOR
THURSDAY, JAN. 24, 1991
7:30 P.M.

Thank you, __. Secretary Mosbacher. Larry Bathgate -- I salute you for what you've done. Alex Courteolis, Bobby Holt. Our good friend Jeanie Austin, the RNC Co-chairperson. To all assembled, it is a pleasure for me to be with this distinguished group.

((Earlier tonight, I asked why the East Room/State Floor was chosen for this event. ^{Make a note:} The sweep of history // the memory of great orators from Washington to Reagan. ⁵⁶ ~~The answer made sense.~~ I was told we'd need a room this grand just to contain my charisma. //

((I do what I can. But public office can be hard on a family. Even its most electrifying members. // Speaking of Millie / she wanted to be here. But her new book's doing so well she's out negotiating the movie rights. // How about that. __ weeks on the best-seller list.

((Still, I worry about this going to her head. This morning they offered her a bowl of Alpo, and she asked to see the wine list. // By the way, if any of you are interested, I can get you a terrific deal on her new exercise video. They say she looks terrific in spandex tights. //

((Dogs, of course, are as All-American as the Republican Party. As ~~as is concern with the downtrodden, the destitute, the hopeless. // But enough about liberal Democrats.)) // I just wanted to take a few moments to thank you for what you've done for Party, and Nation. // I recall how John Kennedy told a similar Democratic group: "I am touched to address you -- but not nearly as touched as you have already been." // I thank you from the bottom of my heart. //~~

Let me begin with a promise, and a salute. The promise: I'll be brief. ((You remember the kid who went to church with his grandfather, and he said, "Granddad, what are all the flags along the side of the church for?" The Grandfather said, "That's for those in service." The kid said, "Oh really, the 9 a.m. service, or the 11 a.m. service?")) //

The salute, of course, is for a man who has enriched our party for many years. He's a fighter // a winner // above all, he's our friend and inspiration. Lee Atwater. // Lee has been forced to keep a low profile. But he, himself, is a profile in courage. I join every Republican in extending prayers to Lee, his wife Sally, and his three daughters, Sarah, Ashley, and Sally. Here's to the Grand Young Man of the Grand Old Party. //

Like Lee, you know what the 100 Team is all about. It's about values and priorities. It's about helping the letters "GOP" stand for Growth, opportunity, and prosperity. The Democrats' philosophy burdens people for the benefit of

government. Team 100 wants to use government for the benefit of easing burdens on people. //

Look at last year. Think of what this philosophy helped us do. We passed Clean Air legislation that ~~doesn't~~ ^{doesn't} try to ~~cleanse~~ ^{cleanse} the environment by throwing people out of work. // Think of the budget. We got an agreement that makes real spending cuts -- enforceable cuts -- and real budget process reform. Then, there's child care and education. Here, too, ~~you~~ ^{for Louis's offer} helped enact legislation that lets parents -- not government -- decide what's best for our kids. //

This year, we have to build on these beginnings. In civil rights, I want to sign an equal opportunity bill. I will not sign a quotas bill. // In law and order, I want legislation that proposes a workable -- a real -- death penalty for the killers of Federal law enforcement officers. Let Democrats sympathize with the criminals. ~~We must~~ ^{in 100} ~~ensure~~ ^{in 100} a bill that gives cop-killers the kind of punishment they deserve. //

~~We~~ ^{also,} have done much. But ~~there's~~ ^{we's} still much more to do. ((For example, one day at Kennebunkport last summer I took the boat out, played in a horseshoes tournament, went for a three-mile run, got in 18 holes of golf, met with John Sununu, read a couple briefing books, phoned a dozen world leaders. // Just when I was rolling, Barbara made me stop by calling me to breakfast.)) //

I feel a sense of urgency, So do you in helping people help themselves. Think of George Kettle, who started a D.C. Chapter for the "I have a dream" foundation to help disadvantaged kids. //

The Clubs of America, and your work for those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease. // Or Jerry Milbank -- the Eagles' founder -- who's the national President of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. //

Democrats want to empower the bureaucracy. You want to empower individuals. In that spirit, let me close with an issue which concerns a ^{world} ~~globe~~ of individuals who look to us for leadership. // The Persian Gulf. // What is at stake is the very principle of international order: Whether aggression pays - or whether aggression is punished. //

We will resolve this crisis -- whether peacefully or not, we don't know. This we do know: Brutality will not be tolerated. America will not look the other way. We will not waver -- and Saddam's aggression will not stand. //

Right now -- half a world away -- our young men and women are showing that America would not be the land of the free if it were not also the home of the brave. // They deserve -- and have -- our support and prayers. Let's stand up for them at home and abroad -- working for better government and a stronger America, too.

There's a seal on the front of this podium that bears a symbol shared by this group. The eagle faces to its right -- the direction of honor. // In one set of talons are the arrows of war: in the other, the olive branch.

After the last World War, it was decided that never again should the eagle's head be turned toward the arrows. Ever since,

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