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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BUSH-QUAYLE EVENT
DALLAS, TEXAS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1991
__ P.M.

Thank you, __, for that introduction. I also want to salute
me good friend Bobby Holt. / A special thanks to RNC Chairman
Clayton Yeutter, who could not be with us. / __ could, and he,
too, has my appreciation. / Most of all, hello to my fellow
Texans, / ~~fellow Americans~~ ^{and} / my friends. //

((I want to thank you for that outstanding welcome. I don't
think your enthusiasm could have been warmer if I had changed my
name to "Troy Aikman.")) //

((Phil Gramm and I were talking earlier. He told me that
three times as many people as usual showed up for a recent Bible
study lecture. / ~~The reason was simple.~~ They thought the topic,
"The Resurrection," was about this year's Dallas Cowboys.)) //

We are here tonight to talk about another resurrection --
~~the revival of America.~~ It is a ^{resurrection} revival which since 1981 has
produced a social revolution / an economic revolution / a
political revolution. / But what it all means -- and what some
on the other side don't ^{realize} get -- is that America has undergone a
mainstream revolution. //

~~I mentioned~~ Phil Gramm. He knows what I'm talking about.
^{He and} So does another Republican who used to be a Democrat. / Once, a
prominent Republican took Ronald Reagan aside and said, "I

foresee a day when you will switch to our party." / And sure enough, Abraham Lincoln proved to be right. //

Ronald Reagan, of course, is a founding father of the mainstream revolution, and I can't wait for next week's dedication of the Reagan Library. Some say he made Americans feel better about their country again. He did more than that. He made America a better country. //

Since 1981 -- building on those beginnings -- where others have looked at opportunities and seen problems, we've looked at problems and seen opportunities. Now comes the greatest opportunity to continue our mainstream revolution -- the Election of 1992. / Never have the choices been more important. Never have the differences been more clear. //

Here is what the Election of 1992 is all about. One party -- ours -- is the party of the general interest. The other party -- theirs -- is the party chained by special interests. // They want to divide America. We want to unite America. // We are the party of America's good, quiet, decent people who believe in treating others as we would want to be treated. They are the party of self-styled better people who believe -- quoting from The Sound of Music -- "Nothing is as wonderful as I."

These are differences we can take to the American people -- differences eclipsing race, and region. ((Incidentally, they also eclipse gender. / I was reminded of that shortly after I got into town. // An old friend said to me, "I hope you're prepared to admit that Texas' white-haired grandmother with the

great sense of humor and true grit is doing a great job in the capital." // I replied, "You won't hear any argument from he. / Barbara's an outstanding First Lady.")) //

The mainstream revolution I speak of means, first, an economic revolution. I learned that here, in Texas, after driving a red Studabaker from East with Barbara and the kids. / Saw how Texans cherish the dignity of work and the work that supplies dignity. / Learned a lesson I have never forgot. The great strength of the Nation does not lie on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. -- but in the main streets of Denton and Dallas and Waco and __. //

Texans know that you don't unleash the genius of the American free enterprise system by binding it in red tape and disincentives. / Let the other side pursue programs that would result in growth of government. We'll pursue policies that result in the growth of opportunity. // Liberal Democrats believe in status-quo -- in progress measured by dollars spent. We believe in status-grow -- in enriching lives and helping families. //

For instance, let's look at our proposals to ease the credit crunch. / We gave unveiled a growth package over the last year, and will continue to promote these programs: Banking reform, personal savings incentives, the creation of a permanent R&D tax credit, and increased investment in science, technology, and infrastructure. / This agenda has been totally blocked by one-party control of Congress. / Worse, Senate leaders won't even

permit a vote on our capital gains tax cut that would unleash a new wave of opportunity. / Tonight, I call on them to do the people's business to helping American business create new jobs.

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Lower cap gains will enhance our economic revolution -- rejecting a party whose ideas are left-wing / left-over / and which leave the middle class left out. // Yet 1992 must also continue our social revolution -- and not merely through specific programs but also renewed respect for civility and tolerance. // This evening, I ask for your support: Help me bring decency and fair play back to the United States Congress. //

You know what I'm talking about. All America does. America has been revulsed by how Congress has replaced the policy of advise and consent with the politics of revise and attack. // The spectacle Americans witnessed in the recent Senate Judiciary Committee hearings must never be repeated. We cannot tolerate political hit squads, in the guise of special interest groups, who try to achieve with the trash bin what they could not achieve at the ballot box. //

Our social revolution focuses not on the trendy or transitory -- but on the time-honored values of the average American. That is why our Administration has demanded unprecedented spending on our drug strategy -- and new legislation to dramatically increase child care access to parents in their community without creating a new government bureaucracy. // It is why we won the first legislation to guarantee the

rights of people with disabilities -- the Americans With Disabilities Act -- and pioneering legislation -- the Clean Air Act -- to protect our cathedral of our the doors. //

((Now, I admit -- I haven't always been articulate in bragging on these deeds. I'm still working on being a little more precise in my language. My son, George W., has the same problem. When he tells people he's going to see the old man, they don't know if he means me or Nolan Ryan.)) //

How's this for articulation? If Congress won't clean up its act, we'll have to clean up the Congress. // Let's look at crime. Last March 6, I challenged Congress to pass a bill to take criminals off the street -- including the death penalty for those who kill a police officer. // It's tough to keep people from being victimized in the streets, when our anti-crime initiatives keep getting mugged by Congress. // Let's look at the idea of "One Nation under God." Let Liberal Democrats explain why they want to keep God out of our classrooms. I want a Constitutional Amendment restoring voluntary prayer to our Nation's schools. // Look, next, at education. For two years, we have prodded Congress to pass legislation to make us No. 1 in education by the year 2000. // Here, like crime, it has aped Rip Van Winkle. Liberal Democrats want to improve education through groups like the NEA. We believe better education means more school board control and more parental choice. //

If we're going to teach democracy in our schools, I say: Let's practice more of it in our education system. // Let's have

a social revolution which values achievement and opportunity -- which is why I have been so adamant about signing a civil rights bill that enhances social justice, not social engineering. // We want an America of quality, not an America of quotas. // Finally, let's bring these qualities to liberty's political revolution. Thomas Jefferson once said the price of freedom is eternal vigilance -- not eternal compromise. // I say: America cannot trust its freedom to those who were prepared to compromise with the dictator of Iraq. //

Liberal Democrats believe -- sincerely -- that national defense is an end -- a dead-end. We believe it is a means toward a safer, better world. / Liberal Democrats never met a defense cut they didn't like. We believe that when it comes to national defense, finishing second means finishing last. //

We have used America's strength to prepare for war -- so that we can secure the peace. When a dictator crushed hopes for democracy in his homeland and endangered the Western Hemisphere -- we helped the Panamanian people restore free elections and the rule of law. //

When a brutal tyrant invaded and plundered Kuwait -- we helped build an international coalition that rolled back his aggression and liberated a land. //

As Communism crumbled, we extended a helping hand and made it clear that America will support those who promote democracy, free enterprise, and individual liberty. //

I hope you won't mind if over the next year, we remind America of these truths. Remind them, too, that if those who voted against our use of force in the Gulf had had their way, we would by now have witnessed the completion of societal meltdown in Kuwait -- and the approach of nuclear meltdown in Iraq. // I believe that we who are free to live our dreams, have a duty to support those who dream of living free. So we are taking our political revolution to the Soviet Union / to the Middle East / wherever America has a chance to use the leadership that is our duty and our destiny. //

Jefferson said, "We act not for ourselves alone -- but for generations yet unborn." So we do, and must -- acting rightly, and honorably, for that is good and true. //

So let us take our case to the American people -- talking not of hate, but heroes; indulging not in character assassination, but in the character that uplifts the American Dream. // Today, that dream lives from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon. Lives, perhaps most of all, in the Lone Star State -- perhaps more even than when I came here -- from the barrios of San Antonio to the giant checkerboard of West Texas, stretching upward to the sky. //

One hundred and thirty years ago, Abraham Lincoln left Springfield, Illinois, to assume the Presidency. He would never return. He addressed his home people at the Great Western Railway Station, Here is what he said:

"All that I am -- all that I have -- I owe to you, and the kindness of these people. // ~~Here are all my children~~ have been ~~born, and one is buried~~. I now go to assume a greater task than that which devolved on General Washington. The great God which helped him must help me also." Lincoln concluded: "Without that assistance, I will surely fail. With it, I cannot fail."

~~My friends,~~ what Lincoln felt about Illinois, I feel about Texas. With God's help, we will surely fail. With it, we cannot fail. Let us continue our mainstream revolution -- and so enrich our country. Thank you for this occasion, and for your loyalty and love. God bless the United States of America.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BUSH-QUAYLE EVENT
DALLAS, TEXAS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1991
8:45 P.M.

Thank you, Ray Hunt, for that introduction. I also want to salute my good friends Bobby Holt and Perry Bass. / A special thanks to RNC Chairman Clayton Yeutter, who could not be with us. / Bill Clements, along with Phil Gramm, Tom Loeffler and Bob Mosbacher, are here -- and they, too, have my appreciation. / It's great to have our strong statewide team here: State Chairman Fred Meyer, state treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison, and Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry. Most of all, hello to my fellow Texans, and friends. //

((I want to thank you for that outstanding welcome. I don't think your enthusiasm could have been warmer if I had changed my name to "Troy Aikman.")) //

We are here tonight to talk about America's bright hopes for the future -- a future built upon the special values that Americans have always held dear. But we must begin by admitting that a Grand Canyon divides our two major political parties. / On one side stands the party of bureaucracy. On the other, stands the party whose initials say it all. "GOP." / Growth, opportunity, and progress. //

Republicans want to unite America -- not divide it into competing camps. // We want to build a nation united in a quest

for fairness and opportunity -- not one divided in a fruitless scramble for special benefits. // This quest involves a revolution of growth / respect for the individual / and ~~carrying~~ ^{a commitment to} faith in democracy to the rest of the world. // Together, these form a mainstream revolution. // ^{need to refer to values}

Phil Gramm knows what I'm talking about. He became a Republican because of this mainstream revolution. // So have thousands of other Texans -- and millions of Americans. // Now comes the greatest opportunity to continue our revolution -- the Election of 1992. / Never have the choices been more important. / Never have the differences been more clear. //

Those differences have to do with what we believe as human beings, ^{-- what we} ~~and~~ are as a Nation. // Liberal Democrats ^{??} ~~want to~~ burden ^{no.} people for the benefit of government. // We want to use government to ease burdens on people. // They believe America's finest hours came 30 years or a half-century ago. We believe our finest hours are still ahead. Why? Because we're Americans.

Our mainstream revolution revolves, first of all, around growth. // Too often we talk of the economy as if it were some dusty inhuman thing, rather than the canvas on which we paint our lives and dreams. / Years ago I learned that economics focuses mostly on people, not numbers. I remember driving a red Studebaker from the East with Barbara and the kids. When I got to Texas, I saw people working hard to achieve their dreams. //

They started in small homes, they scrimped, they saved. They sent their children to school, and they taught them to love

their country. / It doesn't take long for anyone to understand that the great strength of the Nation lies not on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. It rests in the main streets of Dalhart and Dallas and Weslaco and Wichita Falls. //

America's strength comes from a simple source, freedom. And freedom remains the lodestone of our mainstream revolution. Texans know that you don't unleash the genius of the American system by weighing it down with nonsensical regulations. / Let liberal Democrats pursue programs that enlarge government. We'll pursue policies that enlarge opportunity. //

We've tried to do just that for years. We have promoted a series of growth initiatives this year to help ease the credit crunch: Banking reform, personal savings incentives, the creation of a permanent R&D tax credit, and increased investment in science, technology, and infrastructure. / ^{Can} This agenda has gone nowhere because it has been blocked by a Congress controlled by a single political party. /

Right now, we're working to help you avoid a sluggish economy.
What's happened?

That party has a simple agenda: to block ours. So, Senate leaders won't even permit a vote on our capital gains tax cut to unleash a new wave of opportunity. / Important appointments to key economic positions have gone unfilled because the Senate won't vote on them. // The time has come for Washington to put aside partisan, inside-the-Beltway disputes and to take up the people's business. (I ask you to help American business do that by creating millions of new jobs.) //

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Our mainstream revolution also revolves around respect for the individual. // I don't mean only specific programs, although they matter. I refer as well to this Administration's concern for civility, tolerance, ~~and~~ ^{simple} human dignity. //

You know what I'm talking about. All America has been revulsed by how Congress replaced the policy of advise and consent with the politics of search and destroy. // The spectacle Americans witnessed in the recent Senate Judiciary Committee hearings must never be repeated. Tonight, I say: Help me bring fair play back to the United States Congress. //

Our mainstream revolution ~~treasures those qualities~~ ^{seeks} // So our Administration has sought unprecedented spending on our drug strategy in order to fight back against drugs. // We pushed through legislation to give parents dramatically increased access to child care without creating a new government bureaucracy. // We got the first legislation to guarantee the rights of people with disabilities -- the Americans With Disabilities Act. // We put together a pioneering bill -- the Clean Air Act -- to employ market incentives in preserving our environment. //

I seek an America in which people work together for a better future, rather than trying to succeed by taking something from someone else. I have promoted an approach to civil rights based on the values of decency and cooperation. We all have a civil right to make the most of ourselves, but we should not preach hatred based on race, income, or even political affiliation. //

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The old politics of class warfare and division are tiresome,
corrosive and outdated. The American people deserve something
 more than posturing and bickering. They want and deserve action
 on issues that matter to them. /

Let's look at crime. Last March 6, I challenged Congress to
 pass a bill to take criminals off the street -- including a
 workable federal death penalty. I still don't have a bill. //
 Let's look at voluntary prayer. Many liberal Democrats want to
 keep God out of our classrooms. I want a Constitutional
 Amendment restoring voluntary prayer to our Nation's schools. //
 Look, too, at education. For two years, we have prodded Congress
 to pass legislation to make us No. 1 in education by the year
 2000. // Liberal Democrats want to improve education through
 groups like the NEA -- throwing money at the problem to keep the
 status-quo. We believe better education means more local control
~~and more parental choice~~ -- using reform to get the most out of
 our schools -- ~~and~~ ^{to} prepare ourselves for a better future. //

If we're going to teach democracy in our schools, let's
 practice more of it in our education system. // *Let's permit parental choice...*
 This brings me
 to a final part of our mainstream revolution: I speak of
 restoring people's faith in government and desire for public
service. / We must ensure that government understand its
 fundamental responsibilities -- including in foreign policy. //

Thomas Jefferson once said the price of freedom is eternal
 vigilance. // I say: We must be vigilant in using America's

strength to prepare for war -- so that America can help secure the peace. //

We have a record to be proud of in that regard. When a dictator crushed hopes for democracy in his homeland and endangered the Western Hemisphere -- we helped the Panamanian people restore free elections and the rule of law. //

When a brutal tyrant invaded and plundered Kuwait -- we helped build an international coalition that rolled back his aggression and liberated a nation. //

As Communism crumbled, we extended a helping hand and made it clear that America will support those who promote democracy, free enterprise, and individual liberty. // ((Someone told me recently that visitors to Lenin's tomb haven't been able to get a look at him since Communism's collapse. He's still spinning.))

I believe in these ideals with every fiber of my being. // But just as I believe in fidelity to principles, I also believe in loyalty to people who serve their nation well. //

One man among us has taken more unfair criticism in three years than anyone should have to endure in a lifetime. Yet he remains steadfast in his service to the Nation. I am proud of the job Dan Quayle has done as Vice President. ////

Dan and I believe that we who are free to live our dreams, must support those who dream of living free. So we are working with the Soviet Union -- and in the Middle East -- wherever America can use the leadership that is our duty and our destiny. // Dan has stood up for our administration here and abroad. He

even stood up to lawyers and demanded an end to the litigation explosion. He may have infuriated the American Bar Association, but he certainly became a hero to many Americans.

In my view, the Election of 1992 will revolve around this type of leadership -- moral leadership, economic leadership, foreign policy leadership. // We need Republicans to provide that leadership -- a leadership ^{in national interest} of the general, not special interests. // We need a leadership which talks not of hate, but of heroism; indulging not in character assassination, but spurring character. // Today, that character lives ~~from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon~~ -- lives, perhaps most of all, from the barrios of San Antonio to the vast expanse of West Texas. //

One hundred and thirty years ago, Abraham Lincoln left Springfield, Illinois, to assume the Presidency. He addressed his home people at the Great Western Railway Station. Here is what he said: "To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. // I now [go to assume] a task...greater than that which rested on Washington. Without the assistance of that Divine Being who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail."

in every city & town across this great nation.

What Lincoln felt about Illinois, I feel about Texas. Without God's help, we cannot succeed. With it, we cannot fail. / Let us take our mainstream revolution to the people -- and so continue the world's oldest revolution: The American Revolution. Thank you for this occasion, and for your loyalty and love. God bless the United States of America.