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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
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February 12, 1992

The Honorable Victor Ashe
City/County Building
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Dear Mayor Ashe:

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If I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me at (202)456-6640 or in room OE0B-200 of the White House.

All the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard W. Porter".

Richard W. Porter
Counselor to the Vice President



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Box 500
Boise, Idaho 83701

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Good luck in your upcoming race!



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City County Building
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

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3325 Randolph
Topeka, Kansas 66614

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920 Lakeshore Drive
Lincoln, Nebraska 68528

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Richard W. Porter
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The Honorable Joan W. Barr
City of Evanston
2100 Ridge Avenue
Evanston, Illinois 60201

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The Honorable James Garner
Village of Hempstead
99 Nicholas Court
Hempstead, New York 11550

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Good to meet you!



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
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February 11, 1992

The Honorable Ronald R. Norick
200 N. Walker
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

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January 27, 1992

MEMORANDUM TO RICHARD PORTER

FROM: EVA GRACE

Bobbi Schleibaum has sent over a request for the following typed notes to be signed by the Vice President. They are mayors who attended last Friday morning's coffee in his office. She said her office will do a regular letter to all the remaining mayors.

Mayor Victor Ashe - Knoxville, TN - President of the Republican Mayors and Local Officials Organization (This one is to be handwritten.)

Mayor Dirk Kempthorne - Boise, Idaho - running for U.S. Senate

Mayor Patrick Gibbs - Davenport, Iowa

Mayor Ronald Norick - Oklahoma City, OK

Mayor Wallace Holland - Pontiac, MI

Mayor Mike Johanns - Lincoln, NE

Mayor Butch Felker - Topeka, Kansas

Mayor Rita Mullins - Palatine, IL

Mayor Paul Helmke - Fort Wayne, IN

The attached list of attendees of the Arizona GOP roundtable has been submitted by Bobbi for handwritten notes.

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

DATE: 1/24/92

TO: Eva ~~White~~

FROM: Barbara J. Schleibaum 
Special Assistant to the Vice President
for Political Affairs

Jim asked that the Vice President write
personal notes to the following people:

Senator Tom Patterson
Senate Minority Leader

Representative Jane Hull
Speaker of the House

Gilbert & Salli Ortega

These people attended the Arizona GOP
roundtable.



DAN QUAYLE

1-25-92

Victor -
you have a great
group - let's stay
in touch / Dan Quayle

THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20501

The Honorable Victor Ashe
City/County Building
Knoxville, TN 37901



DAN QUAYLE
January 28, 1992

Dear Patrick:

Good to be with you on Friday. I appreciated our frank Q & A session. Your insights and comments were very informative, and I have relayed your concerns to the President.

My door is always open -- please stay in touch.

Sincerely,

*Let's stay
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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20501



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226 W. 4th Street
Davenport, IA 52801



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Sincerely,

*Good luck
with your State
race -*

THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20501



The Honorable Dirk Kempthorne
Box 500
Boise, ID 83701



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Sincerely,

*Get On
Nuttles to set
rep w/ you -*

Dan Quayle

THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20501



The Honorable Ronald R. Norick
200 N. Walker
Oklahoma City, OK 73102



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Sincerely,

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*You should
probably run
for Gov.*

THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20501



The Honorable Paul Helmke
City/County Building
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802



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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20501



The Honorable Rita Mullins
200 E. Wood Street
Palatine, Illinois 60067



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January 28, 1992

Dear Butch:

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My door is always open -- please stay in touch.

Sincerely,

*Good work
with Cole*

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20501



The Honorable Harry Felker
3325 Randolph
Topeka, KS 66614



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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20501



The Honorable Wallace E. Holland
450 Wide Track Drive
Pontiac, MI 48058



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Dear Jim -

Thanks for your note - my first few weeks have indeed been memorable! It was a pleasure meeting you when we were in California too.

I've enclosed a few things that might interest you.

Keep in touch!

Sincerely yours,
Richard Porter

Richard:

Welcome aboard. I hope your first week was memorable.

Give me a call if I can ever be of assistance.

Jim

ASSEMBLYMAN JAMES L. BRULTE
Sixty-fifth District
California Legislature



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Mayor
Joan W. Barr

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Dear Mayor Barr,

It was a pleasure to meet you when you came to meet the VP during the Conference of Mayors. The VP said he enjoyed the discussion - and enjoyed seeing some old friends.

Keep in touch -

Sincerely,
Richard Porter

(202) 456-6640

P.S. I've enclosed a few things you might
find interesting -

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MAYOR JAMES A. GARNER
Village of Hempstead

99 NICHOLAS COURT

Hempstead, N.Y 11550

516-489-4053

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

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Dear Mayor Guner,

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I'm enclosing a few things I thought might interest you.

Keep in touch -

Sincerely,
Richard Porter

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Wallace E. Holland
Mayor of Pontiac

~~Pontiac Mich~~

450 Widetrack Dr. East
Pontiac MI

48058

(313) 857-7614

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

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Dear Mayor Holland,

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KAREN M. CZARNECKI
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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

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Dear Karen -

It was good to see you the other day as you wandered about this place!

I've enclosed a few things you might enjoy. Circulate them as you think best -

Sincerely yours -
Richard Ruten

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

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Dear Mayor Kempthorne,

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Best wishes for your upcoming race!!

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(New York City, New York)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 30, 1992

THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN FOR REDUCING THE BURDENS OF REGULATION
THROUGH ADMINISTRATION ACTION

FACT SHEET

Regulatory reform is a key element of the economic growth package the President laid out in his State of the Union address. The President explained why in a speech he gave in Philadelphia today:

"Every regulation that reduces efficiency slaps a hidden tax on the consumer From the tab on a bag of groceries at the checkout line to the sticker price on the showroom floor -- every American takes a hit when the government over-regulates."

Although Congress has thus far refused to pass most of the Administration's regulatory reform proposals -- including those in banking and energy -- there is much the Administration can do and will do on its own to reduce the burden of regulation. Following up on the President's request that federal agencies accelerate programs that enhance economic growth, the Administration today announced the details of several specific reform initiatives to spur growth and enhance job creation, particularly by small and emerging businesses.

Today, the President also described the comprehensive, 90-day review of federal regulation that he announced in his State of the Union address: "We will undertake a top-to-bottom review in the fields of energy, the environment, transportation, exports, financial services, and communications, among others." During this 90-day period, federal agencies will "accelerate any regulations that encourage growth and the creation of jobs." Agencies will also adhere to a 90-day moratorium on regulations that could hinder growth, to the extent they can do so without violating statutory deadlines or threatening health and safety.

I. SPECIFIC ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

The President announced several concrete steps that the Administration will take within the next 30 days to promote economic growth and pare down unnecessary government red tape and other regulatory costs. These fall into two broad categories: improving access to capital, and improving the economic climate for small business.

A. Improving Access to Capital.

Passage of the Administration's proposed banking reform legislation is the best way to resolve the "credit crunch" that has impeded economic growth and job creation. However, the Administration has recently taken actions under existing law to alleviate this problem. And it has recently proposed rules to permit federal thrifts to branch across state lines (thereby enhancing these institutions' financial health) and to make more credit available for home construction. Building on these efforts, the President has asked all federal agencies with authority over financial institutions carefully to review their regulatory programs and to implement additional measures that will promote access to capital markets -- both debt and equity -- without weakening the Nation's financial system.

In addition to these efforts, federal agencies will take the following administrative steps to improve businesses' access to capital, and thereby create jobs and enhance economic growth:

- o Banking Reform. The bank and thrift regulatory agencies will enhance the ability of banks and thrifts to raise additional capital by:
 - promptly promulgating a proposed rule permitting financial institutions to include a greater percentage of the value of purchased mortgage servicing rights and credit card relationships as Tier One Capital;
 - phasing out the supervisory definition of "highly-leveraged transactions" for banking companies, which will enhance many businesses' access to debt capital; and
 - reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens on thrifts by streamlining application procedures for healthy institutions and by reducing financial reporting requirements from twelve to four times per year.

At the same time, the FDIC will implement the new risk-based premium system ahead of the deadline authorized by last year's banking legislation, and in a manner that provides clear guidance to banks and does not arbitrarily expand bank examiners' discretion. Healthy banks should be rewarded with lower premiums, which in turn can generate new lending to help fuel the economy without endangering the FDIC's insurance fund.

- o Securities Reform. The Securities and Exchange Commission will undertake to simplify registration

requirements, reduce costs, and improve access for small businesses seeking capital from securities markets by proposing rules to:

- increase the maximum size for public offerings under the streamlined procedures of SEC Regulation A from \$1.5 million to \$5 million;
 - create a simplified securities registration form designed for easy use by small businesses; and
 - reduce regulatory paperwork under the Investment Company Act and expand the number of companies eligible for investment by Business Development Companies and Small Business Investment Companies.
- o Clarification of Lender Liability Under Superfund. Businesses often have difficulty obtaining loans for many projects because of a fear on the part of banks that they will be saddled with liability under the federal Superfund law for environmental damage done by their borrowers. To alleviate these concerns and thereby improve the lending climate nationwide, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will promulgate its final rule clarifying lenders' liability under Superfund.
- o These steps will provide billions of dollars in additional capital to the Nation's economy.

B. Creating A Better Climate For Small and Emerging Businesses.

Many regulations have a disproportionate impact on small businesses, which account for a large percentage of domestic employment and have a disproportionate impact on economic growth. The President has therefore asked all major federal regulatory agencies to examine their existing regulations and weed out or modify those that impose an undue economic burden on small business.

The following steps, which will be taken by the appropriate agencies during the next 30 days, are examples of the kinds of actions the Administration will take during the next few months to spur the growth of small and emerging businesses:

- o Payroll Tax Reform. One of the barriers to increased employment and higher economic growth is the payroll tax system, which imposes billions of dollars per year in compliance costs. This burden falls disproportionately on small and emerging businesses. To reduce this burden, the Administration strongly supports certain features of the payroll tax simplification legislation now pending in Congress.

- The proposed legislation (H.R. 2775 and S. 1610) would substantially simplify the payroll tax system, reduce uncertainty, and reduce the number of payroll tax deposits that small employers must make.

In addition, the Department of Treasury, in cooperation with the Department of Health and Human Services, will reduce the economic burden of the payroll tax system by:

- establishing a single wage reporting system that will eliminate the need for employers to make multiple federal and state filings;
- establishing a voluntary program that will allow businesses to verify tax information (such as employee social security numbers) by a simple telephone call, thus eliminating burdensome paperwork and correspondence with the IRS;
- establishing a voluntary electronic payment system that will allow employers, at their option, to make payroll tax contributions directly from the employer's bank account to a designated Treasury account, thereby eliminating substantial paperwork costs; and
- helping small and emerging businesses voluntarily meet their obligations through clearer guidance and improved taxpayer assistance, education and outreach efforts, thus reducing the need for after-the-fact enforcement.

II. REGULATORY REVIEW

The above initiatives are examples of reforms the Administration will implement as a result of an intensive, 90-day review launched today by the President. The review will be coordinated by a working group of the Council on Competitiveness, chaired by Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Michael J. Boskin and Counsel to the President C. Boyden Gray. The review will proceed as follows:

- o In accordance with the President's request, the heads of the major federal regulatory agencies will set aside a 90-day period to review regulations and programs that may hinder economic growth, and to identify and accelerate action on initiatives that will reduce the burden of existing regulations or otherwise promote economic growth.
- o During this 90-day period, each agency will work with other agencies and the Council on Competitiveness to identify

regulations and programs that significantly reduce jobs or otherwise impose a significant burden on the economy. Each such regulation or program will be carefully reviewed to determine whether it satisfies five requirements:

- the expected benefits to society should clearly outweigh the costs to society;
 - the regulation should be fashioned to maximize net benefits to society;
 - to the maximum extent possible, the regulation should rely upon performance standards instead of prescriptive command-and-control requirements;
 - to the maximum extent possible, the regulation should rely upon market mechanisms;
 - the regulation should provide clarity and certainty to the regulated community and should be designed to avoid needless litigation.
- o To the extent permitted by law, and as soon as possible, each agency will propose administrative changes that will bring each of its existing and proposed regulations into conformity with these standards. Each agency will report the results to the President.
 - o Where statutes impose regulatory requirements that do not conform to the standards discussed above, agencies will prepare draft legislation to bring the law into compliance with those standards.
 - o The head of each agency will designate a senior official to serve as a permanent regulatory oversight official. This official will have responsibility for conducting the comprehensive review, implementing the resulting proposals, and ensuring that new regulations comply with the standards discussed above.
 - o To the extent permitted by law, and without imperiling health or safety, each agency will refrain from proposing or issuing new regulations and programs that retard economic growth, while accelerating development and implementation of those that promote economic growth.

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**REMARKS BY THE VICE PRESIDENT
TO THE PEOPLE OF LITHUANIA**
VILNIUS LIBRARY, INDEPENDENCE SQUARE
VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

President Landsbergis, Honorable deputies, and friends:
Sveikinu Laisva Lietuva! (I greet free Lithuania!) I bring you
special greetings from President George Bush and your friends,
the people of the United States of America.

Let me begin by paying a special tribute to President
Landsbergis, a true champion of freedom. For many years, he
helped keep alive the hopes of you, his countrymen. He never
gave up. He inspired a nation, and in so doing, inspired the
world. And so today, I am deeply honored to be standing next to
President Landsbergis in a free and independent Lithuania.

In the middle of this century, darkness fell upon the
peoples of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Millions suffered at
the hand of an oppressive empire. Tens of thousands were
martyred, brutalized, and torn from family and homeland. There
was tragedy and despair. But the people of Lithuania never gave

up hope -- the hope of freedom. For, in the words of the Psalmist, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

The long night has ended. Morning has broken, and there is joy: Estonia is free. Latvia is free. Lithuania is free. Long live freedom!

Over the course of five decades, you showed courage and moral strength ... that no oppressor could overcome. Your resolve never weakened. Your hearts were never dominated. And your spirits were never defeated. After every injustice ... every injury ... every indignity ... the spirit of your people would always reappear as boldly, and as proudly, as the Hill of Crosses.

My country, America, was born in a revolution of independence, and our people have always had profound faith. This heritage makes Americans feel a special kinship with the Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian peoples. We have viewed with admiration your unshakable devotion to almighty God. And when you lifted your voice for freedom, you lifted the hearts of America -- for you affirmed a great truth spoken by one of our founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson: "The God who gave us life gave us liberty."

For more than 50 years, we stood by you. America refused to recognize the Soviet occupation. The battle cry of freedom was sounded in March of 1990, when Lithuania reasserted its independence. The struggle intensified on January 12, 1991, where -- at that television tower -- your brave patriots gave their lives in the cause of independence. A short time ago I stood at the television tower and presented a wreath of remembrance from the American people. The events at your tower of bravery happened before a watching world, and the scene inspired others to fight as never before in the struggle of good against evil.

Now my friends, you are part of a new Europe -- whole and free, and blessed with great opportunity. And let us remember that the world of tomorrow belongs to those who embrace democratic institutions and free markets. The great question of our time is settled: Freedom lives. Communism is dead. And the Russian soldiers are going home.

It is a privilege to stand at this place, on this day, with so many who made history. You changed a nation and helped change the world. I pledge to you the unwavering friendship of the American people in the months and years ahead. May God go with you, and may He always bless your dear, native land, Lithuania, the home of a free people.

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February 17, 1992

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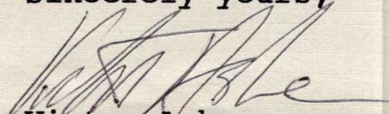
Dear Mr. Porter:

Thanks very much for your nice letter received February 14, 1992, containing several articles and talks by the Vice President. I certainly appreciate having them and you are nice to share them with me.

If the Vice President has a mailing list, I hope you will place my name on it.

The correct mailing address for me is P. O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901.

Sincerely yours,



Victor Ashe

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