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HOME ALONE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

4/19
4:30 pm

- ▷ opening: press briefing rm w/ sodas + Helen
- ▷ food-related? railing fudge
- ▷ family theatre - munching popcorn (?)
crying, watching moving scene from WW
- ▷ secret service - Jim ~~is~~ leaving... the bubble...
(heavy in conversation) I am courting... danger...
- ▷ talking to portraits - ^{him in} animated conv... pan to... portrait.
 ^{to to} (recurring)? ^{back to him} back to portrait (as if conv.)
- ▷ looking for Buddy - recurring motif
 ↓ you know how it is.
 head popping into rm (2x)
 3rd: he's in Chappaqua,
 w/ FL, sir. sir.
 well... where's that -
 ~~that~~ what's that cat's name?
- ▷ phone call - red phone - shot of Rolodex
 (also recurring)
 - "Tony Blair"
 (the number you have reached is a non-working #)
 - "Boris Gelfin"
 # (Russian accent)
 he's in a mtg...
 a mtg? He's retired!
- ▷ Bicycle through undergd. (ring bell)
 mil aide opens door w/ ceremony -
 then (ring ring) bike comes through
- ▷ Jee gets page: PLS CALL POTUS ASAP
 goes back to playing GameBoy

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JW

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Run through
4/20 1:00 pm

> Vending machine — keeps spitting out
"Jack n' Jill" dollar
ice cream sand — pause
— reach in

> Rose Kennedy — mowing lawn
— trimming hedges
— watering plants

> Theatre w/ Buddy
popcorn — pointing
— watching dog movie

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

▷ sit room?

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



Lonely

Portraits
Buddy
Red phone
service
Press briefing
Paging (pe)
Teletype (typing)



Happy

Theatre (laughing & or crying)

Bicycle

Food - take-out (red phone)

E.O.s

Chat room

Metal detector

Crime boy

Ofnart

Driving golf ball off balcony
hits speaker ping sign

FAX COVER SHEET
from The Sound Bite Institute

to: *Josh Gottheimer*

from: Mark Katz

pages to follow: *2*

message:

RTV & WHC expenses

Thanks!

*TERRY →
HERE'S KATZ'S
GLAUSE FORM
FOR MY
CORRESPONDENT
DINNER.*

*I'VE PROVIDED
AN EXTRA
COPY FOR JOE*

THANK,

JOE

**Please call (212) 501-8041 if there is a transmission problem
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Expenses

Mark Katz

Radio & TV Correspondents Dinner 4/00

Submitted May 20, 2000

Receipts attached**Lodging**

Washington Monarch Hotel

\$2306.18

3/29 - 4/6

Travel

NYC>WDC 3/29

\$202.50

WDC>NYC 4/7

\$202.50

Cabfares

To/from airports

\$50.00

To/from hotel & White House

\$98.00

\$7 trip x 2 a day x 7days

meals

\$26.11

\$9.17**\$2894.46 TOTAL**

Expenses**Mark Katz****White House Correspondents Dinner 4/29/00****Submitted May 20, 2000****Lodging****Embassy Hilton 4/20 - 4/23****\$729.26****Hay Adams Hotel 4/23 - 4/30****\$1828.30 (adjusted)****Travel****NYC>WDC****\$202.50****WDC>NYC****\$90.50****Cabs****to/from airports****\$50.00****misc.****\$60.00****Meals****\$12.60****\$20.10****\$105.10 (dinner with Phil Rosenthal,
Clinton video director)****\$55.00****\$74.25 (lunch for video production team)****\$3196.76 TOTAL**

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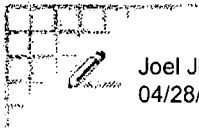
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Joel Johnson
04/28/2000 11:35:21 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Jeffrey A. Shesol/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject:

Hillary and I are really having fun getting the new house together. We're now at the point where we're making the finishing touches that really make a ~~home~~ ^{house} a home. You know, cozy furniture, family photos, a fisherman.

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on the couch.

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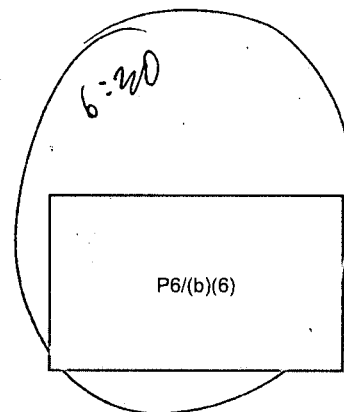
This one's great

Oh, I guess that
was too good
to be true.

I guess too
good to
be true.

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11:15-12:00
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call Joe

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11:24



[003]

Draft 04/27/00 7:00pm

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS AT WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS DINNER
THE WASHINGTON HILTON
WASHINGTON, DC
April 29, 2000**

OPENERS

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests. I am happy to be here. Happy to be reunited, at long last, with the White House press corps. If I may, let me direct your attention to a photograph, taken just moments ago, establishing that I am, in fact, happy to be here.

[on screen above, a photo appears of the President, smiling in a tuxedo]

Although, as I look at the photo a little more closely...

It appears that my *hair* is just a *little bit longer* than it is today.

So maybe I *am* happy to be here; and maybe I'm not. Feel free to speculate.

But let the record make clear: in times of confidence and controversy, in good days and bad, I've shown up here for eight straight years.

[pause for applause]

Looking back, that was probably a mistake.

In only eight years in office, I've provided twenty years' worth of material.

I complain tonight, but a year from now I'll be watching someone else giving this speech on C-Span and feeling the acute symptoms of AGDD – Attention Getting Deficit Disorder.

Plus it just burns me up when Al Gore is funnier than I am.

This is a special night. Jay Leno, one of America's favorite comedians, is here. Now, you may think that most Americans get their news from Peter, Tom, and Dan. But that's just not true. Most Americans get their news from Jay. What our electorate knows about politics, they learn from late-night comedians.

Just what the Founding Fathers had in mind.

You know, Jay has come a long way. When he first took over the *Tonight Show*, people said he would have a hard time filling Johnny's shoes. Johnny was so good, Johnny was so funny, Johnny was so popular. Johnny, Johnny, Johnny! How could Jay possibly emerge from Johnny's shadow of greatness?

But he's done just fine, hasn't he? See, there's hope for Al Gore, after all.

VANITY FAIR PARTY

This dinner marks the end of an era: the exclusive after-dinner party hosted by *Vanity Fair*. It's been canceled this year. Which means there are hundreds of people in this room right now who have no idea what fabulous party they are *not* invited to.

Every year, for eight years, the vaunted *Vanity Fair* party became more and more exclusive. So tonight, it has arrived at its inevitable conclusion: this year, *no one* made the guest list.

But that doesn't mean the glamour quotient is in any way diminished this year. After dinner tonight is the Bloomberg party. And the guest list will be every bit as dazzling. Last year, Warren Beatty and his wife Annette Benning. This year, Louis Rukeyser... and his wife, Alexandra Rukeyser!

The Rukeyseres!

I'm bringing my autograph book.

THE WEST WING

You know, the Bloomberg party is also a cast party for the stars of "The West Wing," who are celebrating the end of their first season. You'll forgive me if I'm not as excited as everyone else at the thought of a West Wing finale party.

But I've got to give them credit. Their first season got better ratings than mine — not to mention reviews. The critics just hated my "Travel Office" episode.

I really enjoyed the "West Wing" video. Although I felt like I'd already seen it. Like the rest of you, I'd read about it each and every day this week. You know, Joe, next time you're on the set, you might want to teach Martin Sheen the phrase "no comment."

Actually, I'm really glad the "West Wing" folks are here tonight. I watch the show when I can. And, you know, you guys have got it almost right. Still, it's missing something. Some of the *real* stuff that makes life in the *real* West Wing so exciting.

I've jotted down a few plot ideas. Can you "take a meeting"? I mean, *now*.

Here, write this down. This is *real*.

[*dramatically:*] OK, President Bartlet wants to *decrease the phaseout rate* for the EITC. The Earned Income Tax Credit. But what you *don't know* is there's a *dramatic conflict* between the *cost estimates* of the Joint Committee on Taxation and... [*laughing*] – this kills me – the Office of Tax Analysis within the Department of Treasury! You know, the real number crunchers. You gotta see it! It's like a constant battle over how to score the *refundable* portion of the EITC. It's like a holy war!

I got a million ideas like this. Just wait till I get out there.

INVESTIGATIONS

But the clock isn't running down just for me. It's also running down for the Republicans in Congress.

I feel for them, I do. They've only got seven more months to investigate me. That's a lot of pressure. So little time, so many unanswered questions. For example:

Over the past two months, I've lost ten pounds. Where did they go?

Why haven't I produced them to the Independent Counsel?

How did some of these pounds manage to wind up on Mark Penn?

They're also working on another big scandal. It turns out there are eleven White House staffers who have *never* been subpoenaed by the Republicans. To find out why, Dan Burton has issued *them* subpoenas.

IMPEACHMENT WING

History will surely record the Republicans' efforts. I know I will. In the impeachment wing of my presidential library.

You've heard about it. I know you think it's going to be small, and inconsequential. But it won't. It's gonna be vast, and on the far right wing of the grounds.

THE CLINTON RESUME

Now, some of you might think I'm busy writing my memoirs. I'm not concerned about my memoirs. I'm concerned about my resume.

Here's what I've got so far.

"Career Objective: to stay put."

Although, to be realistic, I'd be willing to consider an executive position with another country. But I'm really hoping to remain within the G-8.

Now, I've been getting a lot of tips on writing a resume. Mostly from my staff members. [*proudly*:] You know, they really seem to be up on this stuff.

They tell me I've got to use the *active* voice. Things like:

"Commanded... U.S. Armed Forces."

"Ordered... air strikes."

"Served... *three* terms as U.S. President."

[*shrugs*] Everyone embellishes a little.

"Designed, built, and painted bridge to 21st Century."

"Generated, attracted, heightened, and maintained controversy."

You know, I really haven't revised this resume in a long time. Maybe it's time to get rid of some of this stuff here at the bottom:

Junior class president.

Boys Nation.

Hot Springs High pep band officer. Nah, I worked hard for that one.

POST-PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY

No matter where this resume takes me, I don't have any illusions. The post-Presidency is not what it used to be.

George Washington, America's first post-President, was swept by carriage back to Mount Vernon, where he was greeted by well-wishers, beseeching him to become their king.

Compare that to me, America's next post-President. On January [22] I will travel to a sleepy suburb of New York City – where I expect to be greeted, without fanfare, by the guy from MetroStar Cable, sometime between the hours of 1:00 and 6:00pm.

But I still hope that history will one day regard me as at least a "near-great" post-President.

If nothing else, I intend to fare better than some of my predecessors.

Franklin Pierce retired to a town in New Hampshire, becoming, in his later years, an outspoken opponent of loud noises after 10:00pm.

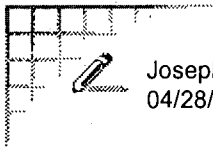
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[George W. Bush triangulation TK]

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Joseph P. Lockhart
04/28/2000 10:34:28 AM

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To: Jeffrey A. Shesol/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: bush

George W. Bush had a meeting this week with the Russian foreign minister. That prompted a very strange diplomatic cable from our embassy. Let me share it with you. "Ivanov found him to be quite engaging...but found it quite peculiar that he started every sentence with As you know Mashkadov is the leader of Chechnya"

or "Ivanov found him quite engaging and found it kind of cute that he kept calling him Mr. Gorbachev."

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Admittedly, looks can be deceiving. Here's a recent photo of the Vice President applauding one of my policy initiatives. But look a little closer.

Those are not his real hands.

Now, this photo made all the papers. And I want to tell you something. I am almost certain that that is not the real Easter Bunny.

But there's one thing that's beyond dispute. This is really me. I am really here. And the record on this is clear: in good days and bad, in times of confidence and controversy, I've shown up here for eight straight years.

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one line

Oscar — thank you very much
everybody
"You like me... you
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*[Party close at 4:00]
line the wall.*

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*television actors.
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"Travel Office"

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more explicit in set-up

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just the little things turned it all around

Mr. P... use questions to lead into video

→ TW moving to center
→ Gore stealing ideas

from other parties

he's pitting Ds against Rs + positioning...

shown

Resume on post-pres.

Regis

just baseball bit

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But that doesn't mean the glamour quotient is in any way diminished this year. After dinner tonight is the Bloomberg party. And the guest list will be every bit as dazzling. Last year, Warren Beatty and his wife Annette Benning. This year, Louis Rukeyser... and his wife, Alexandra Rukeyser!

The Rukeysters!

[deflated:]

Could be an early evening.

THE WEST WING

But the Bloomberg party is also a cast party for the stars of "The West Wing," who are celebrating the end of their first season. You'll forgive me if I'm not as excited as everyone else at the thought of a West Wing finale party.

But I've got to give them credit. Their first season got better reviews than mine did. . . The critics just hated the "Haircut" episode.

I really enjoyed the "West Wing" video. Although I felt like I'd already seen it. Like the rest of you, I'd read about it each and every day this week. You know, Joe, next time you're on the set, you might want to teach Martin Sheen the phrase "no comment."

Actually, I'm really glad you're here tonight. I watch the show when I can; and you know, you guys have got it almost right. I've jotted down a few, you know, plot ideas.

Can you take a meeting? I mean, now?

I've got some story lines that will really take it over the top. Really resonate with the American people.

Here, write this down.

["West Wing" pitch TK]

only
I have
two

Congress
LW

I got a million ideas like this. You people just wait.

INVESTIGATIONS

But the clock isn't running down just for me. It's also running down for the Republicans in Congress.

I feel for them, I do. They've only got seven more months to investigate me. That's a lot of pressure. So little time, so many unanswered questions. For example:

Over the past two months, I've lost ten pounds. Where did they go?

Why haven't I produced them to the Independent Counsel?

How did some of these pounds manage to wind up on Mark Penn?

Congress also claims that I'm the one behind the blatant coverup of Washington Monument.

They are also working on another big scandal. It turns out there are eleven White House staffers who have *never* been subpoenaed by the Republicans. First thing Monday morning, Dan Burton will issue eleven subpoenas to get to the bottom of this.

Here's the one that keeps me up at night. The Republicans are launching a full-scale investigation into my role in the disappearance of the deficit.

IMPEACHMENT WING

I am certain that history will give them credit for trying. I know I will. In the impeachment wing of my presidential library.

You've heard about it. I know you think it's going to be small, and inconsequential. But it won't. It's gonna be vast, and on the far right wing of the grounds.

THE CLINTON RESUME

Now, some of you might think I'm busy writing my memoirs. I'm not concerned about my memoirs. I'm concerned about my resume.

Here's what I've got so far.

"Career Objective: to stay put."

Although, to be realistic, I'd be willing to consider an executive position with another country. But I'm really hoping to remain within the G-8.

Now, I've been getting a lot of tips on writing a resume. Mostly from my staff members. [*proudly*:] You know, they really seem to be up on this stuff.

They tell me I've got to use the *active* voice. Things like:

"Commanded... U.S. Armed Forces."

"Ordered... air strikes."

"Served... three terms as U.S. President."

[*shrugs*] Everyone embellishes a little.

"Designed, built, and painted bridge to 21st Century."

"Supervised Vice President's invention of Internet."

"Generated, attracted, heightened, and maintained controversy."

You know, I really haven't revised this resume in a long time. Maybe it's time to get ride of some of this stuff here at the bottom:

Junior class president.

Boys Nation.

Hot Springs High pep band officer. Nah, I worked hard for that one.

POST-PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY

No matter where this resume takes me, I don't have any illusions. The post-Presidency is not what it used to be.

George Washington, America's first post-President, was swept by carriage back to Mount Vernon, where he was greeted by well-wishers, beseeching him to become their king.

Compare that to me, America's next post-President. On January [22] I will travel to a sleepy suburb of New York City – where I expect to be greeted, without fanfare, by the guy from MetroStar Cable, sometime between the hours of 1:00 and 6:00pm.

But I still hope that history will one day regard me as at least a "near-great" post-President.

If nothing else, I intend to fare better than some of my predecessors.

William Henry Harrison spent his post-presidential years in North Bend, Ohio, buried in the family plot.

Franklin Pierce retired to a town in New Hampshire, becoming, in his later years, an outspoken opponent of loud noises after 10:00pm.

Former President Bush has distinguished himself as a savvy campaign adviser for one of his sons, although I forget which one.

CHANGING PRESS CONFERENCE

I know that the final days are near. I wish you'd stop reminding me. I've just gone through the transcript of my last press conference. For those of you who missed it, here are some of the questions that were put to me.

[Terry Hunt of the AP] asked: "Mr. President, could you please wrap this up?"

Here's one from [NBC's Clare Shipman]: "Sir, I have a question and a follow-up. Is the Vice President back there? And, if so, will he take a few questions?"

And [CNN's John King]: "Mr. President, if you return to the troubled region of Kashmir, a region known not only for its recent tensions but for its cultural treasures, will there be some down time for us to go shopping?"

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS AT WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS DINNER
THE WASHINGTON HILTON
WASHINGTON, DC
April 29, 2000**

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guest, members of the White House press corps. Let me also make a special welcome to the viewers watching this event live on C-SPAN. [looks to camera] Hello. Hello. Hello. . . . There, I think that's everyone.

This evening marks an historic occasion. This is the last time in my presidency that I will meet with all the members of the White House press corps and the news organizations that have covered my administration for nearly eight years. I'd like to thank George Mitchell for brokering the arrangement that made this dinner possible.

This, in fact, the eighth time I've stood before the White House press corps and the news organizations that cover my administration in an attempt to find the humor in the news events of the previous year. Looking back, that was probably a mistake.

It's hard to believe: I've shown up for eight straight years -- and provided twenty years worth of material.

I complain now but a year from today I will be watching someone else giving this speech on C-SPAN and feeling the symptoms of AGDD -- Attention Getting Deficit Disorder.

Plus I hate it when Al Gore is funnier than I am.

VANITY FAIR PARTY

This dinner also marks the end of another era: the traditional after-dinner party hosted by *Vanity Fair*. Which means there are hundreds of people in this room right now who have no idea what fabulous party they are uninvited to.

Each year, for eight years, that party became more and more exclusive. And tonight it has arrived at its logical conclusion: Graydon Carter in a room by himself basking in the magnificent company.

But that doesn't mean the glamour quotient is dropping. After dinner tonight...the Bloomberg party! And that will be just as dazzling. Last year, people oohed and ahed over the appearance of Warren Beatty and his wife Annette Benning. But this year everyone will be competing to sneak a peak at Louis Rukeyser, and his wife, Janice Rukeyser. The Rukeyser!

Looks like it'll be an early evening.

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WEST WING

More than that, the Bloomberg party is also a cast party for the cast of The West Wing celebrating the end of its first season. You'll forgive me if I am not as excited as everyone else at the thought of a West Wing finale party.

But I have to give them credit. They got better reviews after their first season than I did. ...the critics just hated the "Haircut" episode.

The West Wing pitch

EITC... phase out

The drama... the comic possibilities...

The guy, you know – he's sitting over there – the guy in the tux, with the hair – he could...

Cliffhanger.

I got a million ideas like this. You people just wait.

Who wrote the new Joe Klein book?

Scandals

Over the past two months, I've lost ten pounds. Where did they go? Why haven't I produced them to the Independent Counsel?

How did these pounds manage to wind up on Sandy Berger?

What about the discrepancy between by actual weight and the weight listed on my driver's license?

Or was the fat ever lost at all? Were official White House photos doctored in an effort to conceal fat?

What happened to the old jokewriters? Were they fired? Under what circumstances? And where did the travel office send them? And why are there old jokes in their FBI file.

Turns out half the jokes I supposed to tell turned up on missing e-mails. Fortunately they turned up just in time for this speech and, at the last minute we were able to insert three brand new Newt Gingrich jokes.

.....Plus a really hysterically riff about Ira Magaziner and Leon Panetta.

They are also working on another big scandal. It turns out there are approximately 34 people in the White House who have NOT been subpoenaed by the Republicans. And Dan Burton is demanding to know who they are and what is it they haven't done. So 34 people will be served with papers on Monday morning. Not to mention the dozens of caddies all over America who will be question over Mulligangate.

They want to question all 21 million people who found new jobs since 1992 and find if any of them have ties to the DNC.

RESUME

Objective: to maintain status, power and housing arrangements of my current position

Although, to be realistic, I'd have to willing to consider a similar position with another country. But I am really hoping to remain within the G8.

Use active voice. You know:

"Commanded... US Armed Forces."

"Declared... war."

"Served three terms as U.S. President."

(C'mon. Everyone embellishes a little.)

Stay away from the passive voice: Avoid terms like: "was attacked"..... Was criticized for" "was subpoenaed."

.....I can't think of anything else.

You know, I really haven't revised this resume in a long time. Maybe it's time to take some of this stuff off: Junior class president... Boys' Nation... Band major, Hot Springs High Pep Band... Nah, I worked hard for that one.

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Compare that to me, America's next post-President --me-- who on January 22 will travel to a sleepy suburb of New York -- where I expect to be greeted, without fanfare, by the guy from MetroStar Cable, sometime between the hours of 1 and 6pm.

History shows no clear model for post-presidency. Lot of options open...

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~~Chester A. Arthur changed his name to Chester "The" Arthur.~~

Franklin Pierce retired to a town in New Hampshire, becoming, in his later years, an outspoken opponent of loud noises after 10:00pm.

Gerald Ford was a regular on Saturday Night Live, but quit after one season to do a series of mostly forgettable movies.

And former President Bush has distinguished himself as a savvy campaign adviser for one of his sons, although I forget which one.

CHANGING PRESS CONFERENCE

But I know you White House correspondents think: the final days are nearing. I can read between the lines. I've just been going through the transcript of my last press conference. For those of you who missed it, here are some of the questions that were put to me.

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That's all the news from Chappequa, where all the men are good looking, the women are strong candidates and all the children live in California. Thank you and good night.

Nevertheless, I am here again tonight. Let it be said of my relationship with the Washington press corps that while the [conditions] were not always ideal, my attendance record was nothing less than perfect.

There is no Vanity Fair party this year. Which means, of course, that it's even tougher to get into this party than it was last year. And this year they've outdone themselves yet again. Because now that party is really impossible to get into.

I am very excited Jay Leno is entertaining us this evening. You know, I haven't heard a single joke of his since early 1991. My staff told me he categorically refuses to make jokes at my expense so I needn't concern myself with it and my time would be much better spent watching Nightline.

... Thank you Jay, for all your efforts to defend my honor.