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Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The book is on President Clinton's economic ideas, the effort to implement them, and the outcome. The main ideas being dealt with:

- * Investments in education, job training, infrastructure, etc.
- * Health care reform.
- * Middle-class "populist" issues, such as middle-class tax cut.
- * Deficit reduction.
- * Stimulus, or effort to get economy moving again.

Her reactions or comments at specific points others have noted:

January, 1992. Reaction to Clinton's first economic plan in New Hampshire with middle-class tax cut.

February 8, 1992. Makes remarks at meeting in Little Rock after Clinton's New Hampshire poll numbers have been falling.

June, 1992. Wants Clinton to stay in Little Rock to "internalize" economic message for developing an economic plan. Suggests they not rush into issuing the plan, but consult with others first.

Jan. 25, 1993. Reaction to being named to head health task force.

Jan. 30, 1993. Camp David. Remarks about experiences in Arkansas and need for a "story." Enlists consultants' help.

Feb. 6-10. Two health care meetings. Wants to include health care in economic plan, cites support from Mitchell and Gephardt.

Feb. 17. Reaction to Clinton's speech. Was unhappy with early drafts. Reaction to focus on deficit reduction. After Feb. 17, discusses strategy for dealing with drug and insurance companies.

April 6. Austin speech, ideas germinating for a long time.

April 7. Roosevelt Room meeting. Reaction to reduced investment package and comments about responsible, good-government policies.

April 21. Reaction to failure of stimulus package.

May. Reaction to key health care meetings. Reaction to Gergen joining White House at end of May.

Early June. Reaction to consultants' delineation of four areas of difference among the team: deficit reduction vs. growth message; legislative vs. real-world focus; populist vs. bond market rhetoric; new Democrat vs. liberal social issues.

July 3. At Solarium meeting, recommends War Room, remarks on need to coordinate strategy and message.

Early August. Reaction to consultants' idea to portray Clinton's goals to be not just legislative successes but a larger journey.