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DOLE'S LOG CABIN RETREAT (#1)	SPOTLIGHT
In a "flip-flop," Dole now	
admits it was a "mistake" to	FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS
return a \$1,000 contribution	
from gay GOP group, blames his	With three days to go,
campaign and says he wasn't	the LA gov. race is headed
consulted. Net effect: the	for a wild finish. In the
issue is revived and no one is	strongest Dem state of the
pleased (except his opponents).	Deep South, two GOPers --
	both of whom bolted from
WE'RE THE GOOD OL' BOYS	the Dems -- lead in the
First Lugar TV ad airs in ME,	final stretch. (#13)
talks "dignity" over Clinton/	OUT OF NOWHERE: Mike
Gore photo as Blues Bros. Tag	Foster, long a 2nd tier
line: "Dick Lugar. Everything	cand., has used his own
a President Should Be." (#2)	bucks and assembled a
	Reaganesque coalition to
TICK-TOCK (#9) (#10)	threaten Buddy Roemer for
Clock's running. Powell book	the lead. But a meeting
tour ends 10/20, a '96 decision	with allies of Gov. Edwards
comes soon after. Perot CA	(plus a Duke endorsement?)

registration deadline: 10/24. | may slow his momentum. |  
 Also: AFL-CIO election 10/23. | DEM HOPES: Mary Landrieu |  
 | may have the best chance of |  
 RUN FOR THE ROSES (#16) | any Dem to make it to an |  
 KY gov. poll gives LG Patton | 11/18 runoff. But she's |  
 (D) 43%, Forgy (R) 40%. Three | hurt by every vote that |  
 weeks until Election Day. | goes to Cleo Fields and/or |  
 | Melinda Schwegmann. |  
 DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES? | HOW'S BAYOU? LA analyst |  
 '80 U.S. Olympic Hockey coach | JOHN MAGINNIS explains it |  
 Herb Brooks (R) may challenge | all to the HOTLINE. (#17) |  
 Rep. Vento (D-MN 04). (#14) |

===== QUOTE OF THE DAY =====

"Until the Secretary of State declares the Reform Party  
 has qualified in California, then it doesn't exist."  
 -- United We Stand dir. Russ Verney, disputing those who say  
 Perot's effort has already broken FEC spending laws, AP, 10/17

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### COMING ATTRACTIONS

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Patti Davis calls it "Much better than Cats..." We're anticipating brisk ticket sales, so please plan ahead.

===== WHITE HOUSE '96 =====

#### \*1 DOLE: "FLIP-FLOPS" ON LOG CABIN DONATION, BLAMES CAMPAIGN

"Reversing himself" in an interview with OH reporters, Bob Dole said it was a mistake for his campaign to return a \$1,000 contribution from the gay group, the Log Cabin Republicans (Sipchen, L.A. TIMES, 10/18). Dole "blamed his aides" for the decision, "saying they had not cleared the action with him": "I think if they'd have consulted with me, we wouldn't have done that, wouldn't have returned it. Well, everybody makes mistakes. My view is because you accept money doesn't mean you agree with their agenda" (Berke, N.Y. TIMES, 10/18). When the campaign returned the check 7/95, officials said the decision was made because Dole's views were "100% at odds" with the group and their policy "is to decline contributions from political groups that have an agenda that is in opposition to [Dole's] on the issues." Dole himself previously defended the refund, "a move that was widely interpreted as a bid to curry favor with social conservatives who are a key bloc in the GOP." Now, Dole's reversal has "served to reignite the flap initially sparked by the returned check." In a "rare moment of agreement," leaders of gay rights groups and social conservative groups "criticized Dole for flip-flopping on the contribution issue." Log Cabin exec. dir. Rich Tafel: "The story the campaign thought would go away in two days has been around for two months. ... he's given it new life. ... Until he meets with us and settles this once and for all, I think it will haunt the campaign." Christian Coalition exec. dir. Ralph Reed called Dole's latest statement "disappointing and unfortunate," noting Dole "was on a roll after the Hollywood speech and was gaining strong support among religious conservatives. ... [It's] the appearance of a flip-flop that's the real problem ... The issue for Dole is: Make up your mind. Are you going to take money or give it back? ... If you return money and appear to regret it, you really have the worst of all worlds." Family Research Council's Robert Knight: "Dole doesn't seem to get it, that taking money from a radical homosexual activist group might not mesh well with family values." Human Rights Campaign Fund spokesperson David Smith said Dole is engaging in "finger-in-the-wind politics" (L.A. TIMES, 10/18). ABC's Jennings: "Dole is in one of those damned if you do, damned if you don't situations. He has been having an

extremely difficult time trying to figure out whether to accept or reject a particular campaign contribution, so he's done both" (10/17).

IN RESPONSE: Dole spokesperson Nelson Warfield called the controversy "one of the most over-hyped stories of the year": "Since contributions do not influence him, of course he personally saw no need to return this particular check. ... The campaign returned this contribution to protect Senator Dole from distortions of his record, either by groups that would use a contribution to imply he still supports all their views or by opponents that might try similar tactics. ... To avoid further distraction, the campaign would still decline a similar contribution" (W. POST, 10/18). Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-WI), who is gay, initially criticized the refund, but after speaking with Dole, continued his "active and visible support" for Dole. Gunderson, on Dole's reversal: "I have no doubt that the Dole campaign regrets the impression [left by the incident]. ... Perhaps, in the end, something like this has some benefit because it provides a healthy dose of sensitivity training in the midst of a hectic political campaign." Dole said he would not solicit another contribution from the Log Cabin group: "I don't want to open it all up again. It's all over" (Anderson, AP, 10/18). Under the header, "Pink Elephants: It isn't easy being a gay Republican," W. POST's Rosenfeld profiles the dilemma faced by some GOPers (10/18).

RIVALS PILE ON: "The latest turn in the story was greeted gleefully" by some of Dole's rivals "who have accused him of flip-flopping" on tax cuts and parts of the GOP Contract. Alexander spokesperson Mark Merritt: "We see this almost every day with Senator Dole. It's a pattern." An Arlen Specter spokesperson: "We have always favored an inclusive, big-tent party and it is heartening to see that Senator Dole has apparently come to feel the same way" (Broder, W. POST, 10/18). Phil Gramm: "I think Bob Dole's having a hard time making up his mind about who he is and what he stands for." ABC's Cochran: "Dole's campaign seems to have stalled lately and his rivals are looking for him to stumble over controversial issues like gay rights" (10/18). More Gramm: "When you're the candidate, you don't go around blaming your campaign. You have to take responsibility" ("GMA," ABC, 10/18).

INTERNAL GRUMBLING? N.Y. TIMES' Berke reports some Dole aides "privately expressed concern that they were being publicly undermined by their own candidate." One possible explanation for Dole's latest comments is that he was anticipating his quarterly FEC filing on 10/15 which lists hundreds of pages of donors "and did not want to be questioned about whether he would return money from other groups he was not in full accord with." Dole aides "were so concerned about the candidate's remarks that they refused to make public a transcript of the interview, which a campaign official had earlier promised to provide." Given that Dole's comments were made during a meeting with OH reporters in his Senate office, the Columbus Dispatch made a transcript of the interview available to reporters in which Dole "expounded at some length on the rights of homosexuals to be free of discrimination

in the workplace" (10/18).

APPLYING THE '84 DEM PRIMARY THEOREM: PBS' Ken Bode: "In '84, you had Mondale, a prohibitive frontrunner like Dole is today. ... Gary Hart came in second, way down in the pack in Iowa, but he came in second. A week later, he beat Mondale by 12 points in [NH]. These folks in [IA and NH] are looking for who is the 'Not Dole' candidate ... like they were looking for who is the 'Not Mondale' candidate, and whoever comes in second ... in [NH], is going to get one huge ride from the media" ("Russert," CNBC, 10/17).

GOLDEN STATE SEAL OF APPROVAL: The Dole campaign has announced the backing of three ex-CA GOP chairs -- Bob Naylor, Frank Visco, and Dr. Tirso del Junco (release 10/17).

## \*2 LUGAR: TV AD EMPLOYS "BLUES BROTHERS" PHOTO OF CLINTON

Dick Lugar launches his first TV ad today exclusively in ME. Lugar spokesperson Mark Helmke said the ad will move "pretty quickly" to the airwaves in IA and NH, not necessarily this week. FULL TEXT ("Dignity": 30 secs., produced in-house by the campaign): LUGAR to camera: "The presidency is serious business. The presidency is not entertainment." (People Magazine opened to photo of Clinton, Gore and actor Jim Belushi, at an L.A. fund-raising event, dressed as the Blues Brothers.) LUGAR: "The president is Commander-in-Chief. He is that person most responsible for the security of all Americans. I believe that public trust is fundamental to the presidency. [Over photos/video of Lugar as naval officer, Indy mayor, walking with Reagan.] "Trust really has to be earned by a lifetime of performance and experience. Trust is not easy to come by, but it's essential in the presidency." ANNCR: "Dick Lugar. Everything a President Should Be" (Lugar release, 10/18). Lugar's effort in ME is for the 1 1/4 straw poll there.

## \*3 FORBES: TAKES PRO-GROWTH MESSAGE TO IA, SLAMS DOLE

Steve Forbes campaigned in Council Bluffs, IA where he told GOPers he jumped into the race because there was an opening for a "pro-growth, pro-opportunity" candidate. He emphasized his 17% flat tax with a total exemption for a family of four with incomes at or below \$36K. Forbes also stressed the elimination of taxes on Social Security, pensions and personal savings. He said the cut would amount to \$40B the first year. He said such a plan "would not just benefit the wealthy." He called his plan "fair" because it eliminates corporate loopholes and provides "generous" savings for families. When asked, Forbes again said he would not make his own tax returns public as other candidates have. He said he would make public whatever the law requires, which does not include tax returns. He also said he would offer a plan to reform Social Security. Forbes' Council Bluffs stop was part of a five-city tour. He admitted his late entry into the field would raise difficulties, "particularly in Iowa." Forbes said, however, he would "go all out" in IA: "Because of the late start, no one expects I will do well in the caucuses. I believe I have to get my message to the people of Iowa and I believe I will do so." State Rep. Brent Siegrist (R), a Lamar Alexander supporter,

said Forbes' largely TV-oriented campaign "doesn't play" in IA, but might "fare better" in NH. Forbes also met with NE GOP chair Chuck Siegerson 10/17. Siegerson called Forbes' pro-growth, flat-tax message "attractive" adding, "Anybody who can put \$25 million into a campaign is not to be trifled with" (Kotok, OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, 10/18).

Xers TAKE A LOOK: In Des Moines, Forbes outlined parts of his Social Security reform plan. He said young workers "know the system is going to go bust" by the time they reach retirement age: "Why not have a new system for younger workers where a portion of the payroll tax will go into what is, in effect, an IRA?" Under the "rough outlines" of the plan, younger workers would be able to earmark a portion of the Social Security tax taken out of their paychecks for a personal retirement account (Glover, AP, 10/18). Also in Des Moines, Forbes "stepped up" his attack on Bob Dole for failing to push an early Senate vote on term limits. With the IA air-waves "full" of Forbes attack ads he said of Dole's efforts on term limits, "In a Democracy, people should have a right to know where their representatives stand. Who is for the issue. Who is against the issue? Why?" The Dole campaign has been "stung" by the charges which they call "untrue" and "unfair." Forbes called Dole's promise to bring up a vote on term limits next year "the Washington equivalent of the check is in the mail." He said Dole should have brought the vote "and the voters should have taken it from there" (Yepsen, DES MOINES REGISTER, 10/18). A non-binding "Sense of the Senate" vote on term limits did occur in DC 10/17. It was defeated 49-45. A Const. amendment requires 60 votes. The Forbes campaign also issued a release slamming Dole for his "16 tax increases" totalling \$962 billion: "Bob Dole's record is the best reason for voters to ask, will Bob Dole support tax cuts after the election -- or will he do just what Bill Clinton did? (10/17). Forbes campaigned in Atlanta, GA 10/16 where he pressed his tax message and his promise to reform soc. sec. In his first campaign visit to the city, Forbes also pushed for term limits and the lifting of limits on campaign contributions which he says favor incumbents and increase the influence of PAC's (Sherman, ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 10/17).

NH PRESS: CONCORD MONITOR editorial, under header, "Enter an optimist": "As far as independent millionaires go, Steve Forbes is a lot smarter than Morry Taylor and nicer than Ross Perot. [He] brings to the Republican presidential race an element that's been all but missing: sunniness. Forbes is an optimist in the Jack Kemp tradition. ... And yet there are defects to Forbes' flat tax, and they go beyond simple math to a naivete about behavior and motivation. ... Forbes' life-long association with America's patricians convinces him that corporations and the wealthy would give back substantially more to their communities and be better stewards of the environment if freed from the yoke of high taxes and regulations. That assumption defies history" (10/18). NASHUA TELEGRAPH's Landrigan reports Forbes is "trying to hire several staffers" who worked on the Pete Wilson campaign. Paul Collins "was offered a top New Hampshire staff slot." The campaign is "even looking into"

opening its NH headquarters at the same site in Manchester once occupied by the Wilson camp. Ironically, Wilson was "one of the first and loudest critics" of Forbes' candidacy (10/18).

**\*4 BUCHANAN: SAYS HE IS THE ONE TO BEAT CLINTON**

Pat Buchanan appeared on IA public television's "Iowa Press" and WHO-AM radio where he called for "job protection" and "racial harmony." Buchanan defended himself against calls of protectionism saying, "If a government is not going to protect the standard of living of American workers and the production of American businesses ... I don't know what it is all about." He said GOPers should support him because he would offer the "best contrast" with Pres. Clinton: "Who could better handle an accomplished debater like Bill Clinton better in a debate format -- Bob Dole or Pat Buchanan?" He said IA caucus-goers should support him because he can "deliver the Ross Perot voters and the Reagan Democrats" in Nov. of '96. Buchanan touched on the Million Man March, calling the goals "fine," but calling march leader Louis Farrakhan "too divisive" (Yepsen, DES MOINES REGISTER, 10/18). Buchanan accusing Cong. GOPers of "botching" efforts to pass term limits: "I don't know why they're dragging their feet." Buchanan signed a pledge in support of a Const. amendment during a Des Moines news conference. The pledge, sponsored by US Term Limits, commits Buchanan, if he's elected pres., to support an amendment limiting House members to three terms and Senators to two terms (Fogarty, REGISTER, 10/18). Speaking in Cedar Rapids, Buchanan called for campaign and Cong. reform. He announced plans to reform Cong. pensions to make members of Congress go "onto Social Security, just like everyone else." Buchanan: "Let's get corporations out of giving huge contributions" (Sullivan, CEDAR RAPIDS GAZETTE, 10/18). BOSTON GLOBE's Rezendes writes wherever Buchanan goes he "seems to cause a stir." With his calls for term limits and his "strident" opposition to free trade, Buchanan "often seems to speak to that part of the political spectrum where right meets left" (10/17).

DOUBTER: PBS' Ken Bode: "This front-loaded system that we have now, you don't have time after you do well in [NH] to get your financial appeals out, get the money back in, cash the checks and have them clear, have them matched by the FEC. The primaries are over by that time. That's where the genius of Phil Gramm is. He's got the money up front." Bode, on an independent run by Buchanan: "I don't think Pat can get on enough ballots to be much of a factor as an Independent except as a nag" ("Russert," CNBC, 10/17).

ON "TODAY": NBC's Myers: "Perhaps the biggest surprise of the campaign so far is just how well Buchanan is doing." NH Gov. Steve Merrill, NH voters: "They like his message 'cause they think he believes it." Buchanan: "The party has not only moved toward me, all the candidates are echoing Pat Buchanan." Buchanan, on whether he would rule out running as an independent: "No, I can't say that. If the party walks away from me, I think eventually you follow the counsel of Ronald Reagan, you find a new party" ("Today," NBC, 10/18).

**\*5 SPECTER: FEARING "EXTREMISTS," SPECTER FUNDRAISES FOR WIFE**

Warning against pro-life "extremists," Arlen Specter sent out a fund-raising letter on behalf of the campaign of his wife, Phila. City Councilmember Joan Specter. Joan is seeking a 5th term 11/7. Arlen, in the letter mailed to 3,000 past donors to his campaigns, wrote, "Unless we raise enough money -- almost \$126,000 -- for a last-minute advertising blitz, she could be defeated by the extremists who are eager to hurt my campaign for president. ... I cannot tell you how damaging her defeat would be only weeks before the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary." Specter chair Roger Stone "said the word extremists in the letter referred to violent anti-abortion groups." In '91, Joan Specter "said she was targeted by antiabortion forces" and, as a result, "did poorly in a handful of wards." Joan: "People who vote against me always say to me, 'I'm going to send a message to Arlen'. ... People tend to take things out on me when they're angry with Arlen" (Marder, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, 10/18). Joan is seeking one of 7 at-large seats on the 17-member council. With the entry of two "big-name" GOPers -- Frank Rizzo Jr. and ex-Rep. Charles Dougherty (R) -- Joan's future has been put "in jeopardy." Some "subscribe to the theory that Rizzo will come in first" among GOPers "and bump off" either Specter or "longtime incumbent" W. Thacher Longstreth (Marder, INQUIRER, 10/17).

**\*6 GRAMM: DELIVERS MESSAGE WHERE HE ONCE DELIVERED NEWSPAPERS**

Campaigning in his hometown of Columbus, GA, Phil Gramm met with the editorial board of the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer -- the newspaper he once delivered -- had lunch with business leaders and local GOP office-holders, gave a speech at a pharmacy and spent some time with his 82-year-old mother in nearby AL. "His message of less government, more freedom was the same at every stop." Gramm said his conservative philosophy was "nurtured" in Columbus: "My views are colored by who I am and where I came from. Neither of my parents graduated from high school. ... We are ordinary people. But ordinary people can do great things" (Hyatt, COLUMBUS LEDGER-ENQUIRER, 10/17).

DON'T BET ON GRAMM-POWELL: Gramm "said he doesn't know how to judge" Colin Powell: "He's a role model and he was a great soldier. I don't know what he will do as a politician" (LEDGER-ENQUIRER, 10/17). As a result, Gramm said he would not pick Powell as a running mate: "I know nothing about his political philosophy. I don't know for sure which party he's in. ... I'm going to pick somebody that I know an awful lot about. I'm going to pick somebody who shares our conservative philosophy" (Skowron, AP, 10/17). He then boiled the GOP race down to two men: "Either Bob Dole or I will be the nominee. I don't think there is an alternative" (LEDGER-ENQUIRER, 10/17).

MMM: Gramm, on Jesse Jackson's speech at the march: "To the extent that Jesse Jackson attacked our program, it is clear that he is out of touch with the real message of the march, which was take responsibility for yourself and your family and your children. ... That's what our effort to cut government spending and cut taxes is about." Senate Min. Leader Tom Daschle: "How, in the same breath, can any Republican say, 'We hear ya,' and



then turn around and add \$40 billion in new taxes to every working family who was probably out there. It's outrageous" ("Inside Politics," CNN, 10/17).

#### **\*7 JACKSON: PRAISES CLINTON SPEECH BUT ALL OPTIONS STILL OPEN**

In interviews on the day after the Million Man March, Jesse Jackson said new black registered voters would be just as independent as Ross Perot voters. He also had some praise for Bill Clinton, following the President's TX speech. Jackson: "Black America is becoming more independent-minded and resists being taken for granted by one group and written off by another. It could be that this new voter creates greater competition, and either party could win or lose based on that inspired voter." Clinton spoke to Jackson in preparing for his TX speech. While Jackson said he was leaving "all options open" for a pres. race, he "said he is encouraged by recent presidential moves, such as support for affirmative action." Jackson called Clinton's TX talk "a good speech." Joint Center's David Bositis "is among those who compared the black men on the Mall with millions of disaffected people who backed Perot. In both cases, Bositis said, an electoral mass is dissatisfied with the status quo and up for grabs." Bositis: "Farrakhan critiques racism ... and that is something that resonates really well with large parts of the black population. However, to be a leader you have to identify problems and then offer a solution. His solution, which is separatism, has no resonance in the black community. That is his fatal limitation as a leader. So the issue is, who goes after these people? It could be many people or a different party" (Rezendes, BOSTON GLOBE, 10/18). W. POST's Cohen wonders what Jackson was thinking when he watched Farrakhan deliver the keynote to the march, as "it was clear that Farrakhan was more than just an egomaniac but a man with the capacity to connect unrelated dots, painting a picture that does not at all conform to reality" (10/18). Jackson, on Farrakhan: "I will try certainly continue to work with him, and where there is alienation to build bridges between him and other groups" (S.F. CHRONICLE, 10/18).

#### **\*8 CLINTON: OFFICIALS MAKE THE CASE FOR BOSNIAN FORCE**

Sec/State Warren Christopher, Defense Sec. William Perry and Joint Chiefs Chair John Shalikashvili went to Capitol Hill where two "powerful Senate committees," Armed Services and Foreign Relations, fired "tough questions" at them regarding U.S. involvement in Bosnia. The Sens. "insisted" Clinton seek Hill approval before making any troop commitment. The exchanges "began respectfully" but "grew tense" as the day wore on. Christopher and Sen. John Warner (R-VA) got in a heated debate over whether or not sending troops would amount to "walking away" from U.N. commitments. Warner: "We're not walking away. We've got a heavy investment right there today. ... I would urge you, as this debate goes on, not to use those terms. ... I feel very strongly about it." Christopher: "You may not like the language, but I think that would be walking away." The officials said a deployment "would be tailored to last one year and cost about

\$1.5 billion." Foreign Relations chair Jesse Helms said he could not and would not support sending U.S. troops to die for the "sake of an agreement not yet reached." Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) said he did not think that, with or without American participation, "peace will be achieved" (Ruane, PHILA. INQUIRER, 10/18). Much of the Capitol Hill debate centered on the War Powers Act and whether or not the admin. has "any obligation" to obtain Cong. approval for the troop deployment (Schmitt, N.Y. TIMES, 10/18). Perry: "This NATO force will be the biggest, toughest and meanest dog in town. If attacked, it will bring a large hammer down immediately." Christopher and Perry said only that the admin. would "welcome" Congressional support (Lewthwaite, Balto. SUN, 10/18).

PEP RALLY: Clinton turned a brief stopover in San Antonio, TX, into a "pep rally," reassuring city officials and Kelly Air Force Base workers that he will "do whatever possible to ease the sting of base closure." Clinton: "We are not shutting the base down. We are transforming it. Kelly will change. That's inevitable. But we are not leaving you. I intend to preserve jobs, protect workers and keep defense strong." Clinton left the rally to attend a fund-raiser in Houston (McLemore, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 10/18). The press plane briefly touched down at the wrong San Antonio airport.

RACE: Clinton: "That march was about them. And their desire to reassert responsibility for themselves, their families, their communities, their understanding that until everybody in America is willing to do their part, that the government can't fix their problems, no else can. That is a beautiful thing" ("GMA," ABC, 10/18). Lani Guinier: "President Clinton was on the right track when he said that this has to be conversation in which ordinary American's participate" ("CBS This A.M.," 10/18).

#### \*9 POWELL: HIS SUBTLE SHIFTS TOWARD CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICANS

W. POST's Balz notes Colin Powell "began his book tour talking like a liberal Republican, but as he nears a decision on whether to run for president he is trying to sound more conservative." Powell's repositioning "reflects a change in tone rather than a change in position." In recent interviews he has been "more solicitous" of religious conservatives, "less assertive" about his pro-choice position and "more willing" to defend cong. GOPers on tax cuts and Medicare. Bill Kristol: "If he's a liberal Republican who dislikes and is opposed to the conservative revolution then he couldn't get the nomination. If he's a moderate Republican who's willing to be part of a broad coalition advancing the conservative agenda ... then I think he's really got a chance. He tried [on CBS 10/16] to put himself on the acceptable side of that line." Christian Coalition exec dir. Ralph Reed: "While I think all religious conservatives can appreciate Colin Powell's warm and generous remarks on the importance of family values, the reality is if he wants to appeal to those voters, he has to move much more dramatically and significantly on matters of public policy, including the sanctity of human life, voluntary prayer in schools, support for the 'Contract With America' and no longer describing himself as a

Rockefeller Republican." FRC's Gary Bauer agreed with Reed: "I take those quotes [from the Monday interview] with the same shaker of salt that I take a quote from any politician who suddenly realizes he's got to curry favor with an important part of the coalition. I don't see how fine tuning like this can change what has up to now been a self-description as a Rockefeller Republican." When interviewed by ABC's Barbara Walters in 9/95, Powell said of the religious right, "I'm a little nervous when they go over the line and try and push too hard a religious agenda into a political agenda." But on CBS 10/16, Powell said, "the religious right, I think has to be given credit for focusing our attention again on the fact that we are a nation under God, focusing attention on the family ... And so I am generally in line with the Christian right, although we disagree on some of the legislative agenda" (W. POST, 10/18). While Colin Powell may or may not run, his presence has "set off a quiet but bitter feud over abortion" within the GOP. The "issue" is whether a pro-life GOPer can conscientiously support a candidate such as Powell who says that he "opposes abortion but still argues for allowing women the right to choose" (Seib, W.S. JOURNAL, 10/18).

**MARCH MEMORIES:** NBC's Tim Russert, on Powell and the black leadership vacuum: "I believe Colin Powell is uniquely situated to gulf that gap. ... I think the opportunity is just tremendous" ("Judy Jarvis Show," syndicated radio, 10/17). Powell, in a book tour interview: "The last I would wish to have happen is to have people become interested in me politically simply because I am black. And I would say to my black brothers and sisters, don't be interested in me for that. Be interested in me because you think I can do something, that I will be of use to you in your communities" (CNN, 10/17). NBC's Brokaw: "Powell said he sympathizes with the marchers, however he condemns remarks that have been made by Farrakhan" (10/16). Harvard's Cornel West: "Colin Powell doesn't only transcend race. He is a black man and he is perceived as both man and black. ... The question is whether we're able to accept humanity in a black person. ... Given the weight of white supremacy in the country, he hasn't been tested yet. We don't know" ("Crossfire," CNN, 10/16).

**FARRAKHAN:** Louis Farrakhan, on Powell's comments: "I respect [him]. And, of course, I think if he had been present today, he would have been dignified, he would have been more legitimized with black people because, right now, he's the hero of white people. ... He has never been seen in the struggle, the day to day struggle, of black people" ("Larry King," CNN, 10/16).

**THROW ANOTHER LOG ON THE FIRE:** Speaking in the Greater Cleveland area on 10/17 for his book tour, Powell said his decision to run for president may ultimately come down to a matter of passion. Powell: "I need the passion that I had for the military, where every day I got up and said 'C'mon, let's go!' Thirty-five years of that. Can I transfer that sort of passion over to being a campaigner as well as being an elected politician? That's probably the most difficult question." Powell also noted that his book tour ends 10/20 when he will decide what he plans to do with the rest of his life (Frolik,

Cleveland PLAIN DEALER, 10/18).

P3: Powell is causing "angst" among the candidates participating in FL's Presidency III straw poll 11/17-18. Organizers of the event have said if Powell enters the race he will be welcome at the FL event. That decision has caused from Bob Dole and Lamar Alexander to "complain vociferously" to event organizers. Convention chair/'94 FL GOP gov-nominee Jeb Bush: "To ignore Colin Powell if he were a candidate would make Presidency III irrelevant to the real world." Powell is already scheduled to be in Orlando that weekend, although his office said that he is not planning to attend (Zuckman, BOSTON GLOBE, 10/18).

#### \*10 PEROT: PARTY MAY HAVE VIOLATED CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS

Ross Perot's effort for his Independence Party to reach the ballot in all 50 states may be violating FEC spending laws. The FEC is prohibited from discussing whether or not it is investigating Perot, however, FEC spokesperson Ian Stirton said federal law prohibits "the kind of spending Perot lieutenants say" Perot has engaged in. Individuals are prohibited from donating more than \$5,000 per year to a political party involved in federal elections. Stirton: "The laws apply to any political committee. There is nothing in the federal election law that says 'However, if you want to form a new party, you're exempt.'" United We Stand America exec. dir. Russell Verney disagrees: "Until the Secretary of State declares the Reform Party has qualified in California, then it doesn't exist. ... I think raising these charges is just a ruse. We're aware that the people who feel threatened by the existence of a new political party will do everything in their power to stop this effort." The Independence Party is trying to reach the ballot in California under the name Reform Party. Verney did not provide an updated number of how many of the 89,007 needed registrations the Reform Party had obtained. Their next report is due to CA on 10/18, the deadline for filing the registrants is 10/24 (Willis, AP, 10/17).

#### \*11 KERNER II: LEGISLATORS CALL FOR BIPARTISAN RACE COMMISSION

A bi-partisan, bi-racial group of House members, including Dems Charles Schumer (NY), Charles Rangel (NY), John Lewis (GA), and Eleanor Holmes Norton (DC) and GOPers Jim Leach (IA) and Bill McCollum (FL), signed a letter to Pres. Clinton urging him "to convene a commission to study what they say is America's eroding race relations." Prompted "in part" by the "distinctly different reactions by whites and blacks" to the O.J. verdict and to the MMM, the letter said "We believe a new presidentially appointed, bipartisan commission with impeccable credentials may lead to a healthy discussion and a new era of progress between the races, both of which this country desperately needs." Jesse Jackson, who called for a new commis. during his MMM speech, "reiterated his support for the idea." Referring to recent attempts in Congress "to roll back affirmative action and other social programs," Rangel said if "the GOP has such fine ideals, I don't know why they've become such a safe haven for racists" (Douglas,

NEWSDAY, 10/18). Suggesting a report be produced 1/97 "so it won't become a political issue" in '96, the letter said the new commis. "should be bipartisan and biracial, and include 'thoughtful individuals from the public and private sector who will remain above the political fray.'" Schumer alluded to LBJ's appointment of the Kerner Commission following riots in '68 and "said riots may not be occurring now, but the dialogue between blacks and whites has broken down." Lewis: "[It] is an important and needed step toward building a bridge across the racial divide" (Norman, DES MOINES REGISTER, 10/17). White House spokeswoman Ginny Terzano said Clinton "would review the letter 'carefully'" (REUTER, 10/18).

===== NATIONAL BRIEFING =====

#### \*12 MEDICARE REFORM: INTEREST GROUPS STEP UP LOBBYING EFFORTS

The Seniors Coalition has unveiled a national TV ad campaign to "promote understanding and support of the Medicare Preservation Act" (release, 10/17). Sen. Bill Frist (R-TN) is the "star" of the ads, which are "designed to turn the tables on labor unions and senior citizens' groups that are focusing on reductions proposed in the Medicare system" (USA TODAY, 10/18).

ADS: The coalition will run 30- and 60-second ads in commercial format for approximately one week in markets across the country; the cost of the campaign is about \$1M. The 60-second ad pictures Frist standing in front of a hospital nurses' station. TEXT: "I'm Dr. Bill Frist. Before I was elected to the Senate, I was a heart and lung transplant surgeon. My first concern is always quality for my patients. I also care about quality of information, because patients need to know the truth." The ad then shows a segment from a union-sponsored anti-GOP Medicare reform commercial: "Can you believe the Republicans are cutting Medicare?" Frist continues: "Sounds scary, but it's simply not true. The truth is, the Republican plan saves Medicare from bankruptcy. It increases spending by nearly \$2,000 per senior. No cuts in benefits. But there are cuts in waste and fraud. And gives patients more choices in health care, not less. The Democrats are trying to scare seniors ... just to score political points. They oughta be ashamed of themselves. Scaring seniors is cruel and it does nothing [to] save Medicare from bankruptcy. But the Republican plan will" (release, 10/13).

DOCTORS: The American Medical Assn ran a full-page ad in today's W. TIMES featuring comments from AMA Pres. Dr. Lonnie Bristow on Medicare reform (10/18). The ad will run 10/19 in USA TODAY, and the group plans to run it in other papers in the near future (American Healthline sources, 10/18).

TEXT: The ad features a photo of Bristow under the header: "Dr. Lonnie Bristow Speaks To America's Patients About Medicare Reform." Below the header the ad continues: "I'm a practicing physician and I want my patients to know that Medicare will go broke by 2002 unless it's fixed now. The AMA has been working 10 years on ways to improve Medicare. Now Congress is about to act, and you need the straight story about what is really going on. Here are answers to questions patients ask me the most about the

Medicare mess." Five questions and responses from Bristow are listed, including: "Does anyone have an answer?" Bristow responds, "The House leadership has a plan that makes sense, tackles the hard financing problem and is good for patients. Most important, spending per person will still rise from \$4,800 to \$6,700 in 2002"; "Can I choose my own doctor and my own health plan?" Bristow responds, "Yes. In fact, patients will have more choices, including traditional Medicare, private insurance plans or a tax-free medical savings account" (W. TIMES, 10/18).

MAINE EVENT: A "coalition of labor and seniors groups" attacked frosh Rep. Jim Longley (R-ME) and 21 other GOP House members for supporting cuts in Medicare and Medicaid and challenged them to "stand up to Gingrich." The ad was part of a \$750,000 national ad campaign by Save America's Families Coalition. The Coalition is sponsored by a total of 12 groups including the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Citizen's Action and the National Council of Senior Citizens. AFSCME and Coalition spokesperson David Hoffman: "We are trying to change votes. We want to send a message." The ad campaign marks the second time in two months that the ME cong. delegation "has come under fire" from the coalition. Ads airing in 9/95 targeted Longley, as well as GOP Sens. Bill Cohen and Olympia Snowe. Longley responded to the ads by arguing that "changes to Medicare were unavoidable": "We are doing a strong positive thing by introducing some positive changes into a program that has not been responsive to changes in the health care system" (Lemos, STATES NEWS SERVICE/BANGOR DAILY NEWS, 10/14). The spot, which will run for a week, has a visual of a middle-aged couple sitting in their kitchen reading the newspaper. TEXT: "MAN: Talked to your mother yet about quitting your job and staying home if her Medicaid gets cut? WOMAN: No -- not till we know for sure. It'll just upset her ... make her think she's a burden ... she knows it'll make it tough.... MAN: Well, we'll know soon. Gingrich and his Republicans are starting to ram their Medicare and Medicaid cuts through Congress now. WOMAN: (Angrily, anguished) Well, what do you expect? They want to get it over with ... so they can pay for more tax giveaways to the rich ... and ... and hope people forget about it before the next election." In background, the couple's daughter is reading with her grandmother. When the daughter stumbles on a word, the grandmother corrects her. "MAN: I think we'll remember." ANNCR [speaking over fade to black]: "Tell your member of Congress: Stand up to Gingrich. Stop the Republicans' cut in Medicare and Medicaid. We'll remember" (America's Families Coalition, 10/17). Also targeted by the Coalition: GOP Reps. Gary Franks (CT-01), Martin Hoke (OH-10), Ray LaHood (IL-18), Randy Tate (WA-09), Connie Morella (MD-08), Mark Neumann (WI-01), James Talent (MO-02), Mike Bilirakis (FL-09), Clay Shaw (FL-22), Sherwood Boehlert (NY-23), Gerald Solomon (NY-22), James Walsh (NY-25), Jack Quinn (NY-30), Amo Houghton (NY-31), Michael Forbes (NY-01), Rick Lazio (NY-02), Peter King (NY-03), Daniel Frisa (NY-04), Susan Molinari (NY 0-13), Sue Kelly (NY-19) and Ben Gilman (NY-20).

### \*13 LOUISIANA GOVERNOR: FOSTER HAS THE MOMENTUM, IS THE TARGET

State Sen. Mike Foster (R), who has been showing the most movement in recent polls, has become the most popular target as well. In the final statewide TV debate on 10/16, Foster, who has "surged to the No. 2 spot," was criticized by Treas. Mary Landrieu (D) and atty Phil Preis (D) for his meeting with top allies of retiring Gov. Edwin Edwards (D). Foster was "caught by television cameras" having lunch 10/13 in New Orleans with Jefferson Parish Sheriff Harry Lee, gambling industry lobbyist Bob d'Hemecourt (who headed Edwards' office in New Orleans) and Edwards-appointee Levee Board chair/riverboat gambling advocate Robert Harvey. Landrieu said the meeting shows that "back-room deals" are still being made in LA. Preis, who is running as an "outsider," said, "My daddy told me that if you lay down with dogs you'll get fleas on you" (Anderson/Wardlaw, N.O. TIMES-PICAYUNE, 10/17). Landrieu charged that Edwards has been "trying for months to rig the deck [and] stop this campaign, but he's not going to get away with it." Foster: "It was strictly a bunch of guys who wanted to meet the front-runner. I'm certainly not an Edwards insider." Landrieu said Foster's explanation "stretches credulity": "What do you say about a guy who's supported by (former Klan leader) David Duke and Edwin Edwards and his cronies. You say, 'no.'" But Foster noted his support by ex-Gov. Dave Treen (R), state Rep. Woody Jenkins (R), East Baton Rouge D.A. Doug Moreau, "none of whom he noted were Edwards fans." He's also been endorsed by Pat Buchanan. Although Foster was "her main target," Landrieu also "painted" ex-Gov. Buddy Roemer (R) as an "Edwards-backed candidate," but Roemer said the allegation was "ludicrous" and added "there is no love lost between him and Edwards." Foster's "connection" to Marine Shale Processors, a facility in "legal trouble" over its handling of hazardous waste, continued to be an issue in the campaign. Ex-Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) chief Paul Templet said that when he headed DEQ (under Roemer), Foster "threatened 'to spend my working years trying to get me' because Templet would not back off Marine Shale environmental enforcement efforts." Marine Shale owner Jack Kent is currently running a major TV ad campaign against Roemer; he did the same thing in the '91 campaign, "because he blamed Roemer for his company's troubles." The Roemer camp complained to the FCC about the ads and have tried to block them from being aired (Shuler, Baton Rouge ADVOCATE, 10/17). LA analyst Ed Renwick "said it was amazing ... that a conservative like Foster would meet with a group of Edwards allies with only a week to go before the election": "Edwards is political poison. ... He's so associated with gambling, and gambling is extremely unpopular. So to be associated with Edwards is a bad no-no at this time" (AP/ADVOCATE, 10/15).

ISSUES: Landrieu, saying "it's time to end the Edwards era, the back-room deals, and vote for real reform," called the 10/21 election a "historic opportunity for voters to choose between Edwards-backed candidates Roemer or Foster, or the true reform candidacy of Mary Landrieu." Roemer has emphasized what he calls "the four E's" -- education, experience, ethics and economic

development. He has since added two more -- the environment and Edwards. Roemer, on the Edwards-Foster connection: "The Edwards team -- eight or nine henchmen who have gotten rich at the trough -- met with Foster, and they were shocked that they were found out. For nine years, I have led the fight against Edwards. And when I was governor, I kicked his people out of the trough." LG Melinda Schwegmann (D): "People are fed up and they are tired and they are mad and I don't blame them. But don't expect change to come from career politicians. I don't have any reason to make a deal" (TIMES-PICAYUNE, 10/17).

MONEY: Here's what some of the top candidates have spent during the latest reporting period (9/12-10/1) and how much they have on hand: Landrieu spent \$664,298, with \$538,560 on hand; Roemer spent \$626,364, with \$569,513 on hand; Foster spent \$345,962 with only \$109,587 on hand (but he loaned his campaign another \$300,000 on 10/2, bringing the total to about \$1.7M of his own money he's spent); and Schwegmann spent \$337,523, with \$540,286 on hand. She like Foster has continued to use her "personal wealth to pump up" her campaign. Rep. Cleo Fields (D-04), the only other candidate given a shot at making the 11/18 runoff, spent only \$36,336 in the same period (Wardlaw, TIMES-PICAYUNE, 10/14). The job pays \$95,000 a year. Others: state Rep. Robert Adley (D), Delgado Comm. College's Anne Thompson (R), Rev. Carey Kimbrell (R).

ENDORSEMENTS: N.O. Mayor Marc Morial's (D) co-endorsement of Landrieu "has re-energized her campaign in a way that other candidates would die for." Landrieu spokesperson Jay Marlin: "This thing is moving. I think we're going to crash through the tape at the finish line." A Landrieu endorsement from Bishop Paul Morton, the pastor of the largest black church in N.O., followed. Morton appeared in a Landrieu radio ad "saying the stakes are too high in this governor's race for black voters to make a symbolic gesture. This is a strong statement for an African-American leader to make when there is a powerful emotional pull for black voters toward Fields. But polls show a large number of African-American voters, perhaps as many as 40 percent, feel Fields can't win the governor's seat even if he gets in the runoff." Morial also co-endorsd Fields, but TIMES-PICAYUNE's Kelso is "not sure" what Fields gets out of it. He is the "emotional favorite" for many blacks, but far more of Morial's people are working for Landrieu, which "could cause a backlash in the black community" (10/15). There is some confusion as to whether David Duke endorsed Foster. Landrieu says he did and has "pounded" Foster on it. Preis quoted a newspaper story "in which Foster said he wouldn't repudiate Duke's nod because 'the guy got 40 percent of the vote'" vs. Edwards in the '91 runoff. Foster "insisted Duke hadn't endorsed him in the first place." Foster, on Duke: "He simply said on a radio program one day that Melinda Schwegmann and I both were at least sincere about our conservative views" (TIMES-PIC, 10/14). Lafayette ADVERTISER endorses Foster and Landrieu (10/15). Monroe NEWS-STAR for Schwegmann (10/15). Houma COURIER for Roemer (10/16).



**\*14 KENTUCKY GOVERNOR: RACE IN STATISTICAL DEAD HEAT**

WKYT-TV poll, conducted 10/10-14 by Mason Dixon/PMR, surveyed 805 reg. voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (release, 10/17). Tested: LG Paul Patton (D) and atty Larry Forgy (R).

	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	FAV/UNFAV	ID
Patton	43%	41%	45%	34%/ 21%	89
Forgy	40	45	36	36 / 20	88
Undecided	17	15	19		

**\*15 OREGON SENATE: READY FOR PRIME-TIME PLAYERS**

Portland OREGONIAN profiles the five major Senate candidates. Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-04) is labeled a "populist" who "hopes his attacks on the corporate establishment and his anti-free trade politics will attract enough lunch-bucket Democrats to give him the nomination." Rep. Ron Wyden (D-03) "has a mainstream Democratic voting record but is more known for his peripatetic work on a wide range of consumer issues. He hopes his solid name recognition in the Portland area and deep well of support among seniors will carry him to victory." OREGONIAN's Mapes writes, "Right from the start" DeFazio and Wyden "have seemed to find ways to disagree with each other ... on such divergent issues as trade, gun control and the balanced budget amendment. ... Democratic voters can't say they don't have a choice in this primary." On the GOP side, Senate Pres. Gordon Smith is "pushing an outsider image with business savvy. He appears to have captured the conservative GOP vote, and he hopes his private sector prowess and a well-financed campaign will give him the nomination." OR Schools Supt. Norma Paulus (R) is "convinced her more moderate positions and political experience in everything from campaign finance to salmon restoration to education reform will draw large blocks of voters." The "relatively unknown" Labor Commiss. Jack Roberts "is the underdog this time, but he hopes his careful study of the issues and independent thought will woo voters." OREGONIAN's Hill writes Paulus and Smith "may present state Republican voters with the clearest choice they've had in a long time." All three GOPers support a balanced budget amendment. Paulus "sound[s] the most environmentalist of the three" (10/16). Primary ballots mailed: 11/15; due: 12/5.

===== ON THE HOUSE =====

**\*16 MN 04: VENTO MAY BE TOUGHER THAN THE RUSSIANS**

"Talk is heating up" that ex-MN North Stars hockey coach Herb Brooks, who coached the miraculous U.S. Hockey Team to the Gold Medal in '80 -- and thus has the "war-hero glow that voters love" -- is thinking about running against Rep. Bruce Vento (D). MN GOP chair Chris Georgacas said, "There's a lot of speculation about it. ... I have not heard from him directly what his intentions are." But Georgacas confirmed that Brooks "has been floating the idea within the party." '94 GOP cand. Dennis Newinski intends to run again (TWIN CITIES READER, 10/17).

\*17 LOUISIANA GOV: HOTLINE INTERVIEWS JOHN MAGINNIS

Four years ago, Gov. Buddy Roemer, who was elected in '87 as a reform Democrat but switched late in his term to the GOP, was squeezed out of the runoff by ex-Gov. Edwin Edwards (D) and state Rep. David Duke (R). Roemer's comeback this year has shown him leading in the polls virtually from the start. But his numbers have been declining as state Sen. Mike Foster, who himself switched to the GOP only recently, has emerged as Roemer's most serious challenger in Saturday's election. All candidates run on one ballot; the top two finishers regardless of party advance to an 11/18 runoff. To make sense of all this, the HOTLINE spoke with JOHN MAGINNIS, who edits the LA Political Fax Weekly.

HOTLINE: To what do you attribute the rise of Mike Foster?

MAGINNIS: Foster is a beneficiary of all the other conservatives who dropped out of the race, leaving him as the last conservative alternative to Roemer. He is a successful businessman who made a name for himself by passing a bill to make it easier for people to get concealed weapons permits, which was vetoed by Gov. Edwards. But he's spent a lot, about a million dollars, of his own money. That kind of gave him a beachhead in the polls. Then when the other conservatives dropped out many of them didn't want Roemer, and Foster was the last guy standing.

HOTLINE: Where is his support coming from?

MAGINNIS: He's getting a lot of the old David Duke support, especially from the rural areas. He has been strong in the countryside, now he's starting to make some inroads into the cities. He's moved up in the polls to second place, but I've heard over the weekend that the Foster people have their own polls saying he's first. Now other candidates have started to shoot at him more. There was an incident over the weekend -- TV cameras saw him leaving a restaurant with some of Edwin Edwards political supporters in the New Orleans area. A big deal was made of it -- apparently in this race it's not as bad to have David Duke's endorsement as it is to have any kind of connection to Edwin Edwards. Duke has already said that he would probably vote for Foster.

HOTLINE: When Gov. Roemer switched parties it was a big event, attended by Pres. Bush and the RNC chair. He was the GOP darling at the time. Why are Republicans now looking for an alternative?

MAGINNIS: I think Roemer and Bush had this in common: they ran as conservatives but didn't really govern that way. Once conservatives got a good look at them they were disillusioned by them. Roemer tried not to make that mistake this time because he came out with a really hard-edged conservative message -- chain gangs, tents for prisoners, drug-testing for welfare recipients, cutting off welfare payments for people who have more children --

hard-line, David Duke-type positions. It helped him get a lot of conservative support early in the polls but the thing is with Roemer is that people don't believe he holds any real positions.

HOTLINE: What's the verdict on his record as governor?

MAGINNIS: Failed. He failed the first test, he didn't get re-elected. Although he was recognized as honest, that he passed some reforms ... he was recognized as not a very hands-on governor. He didn't pay attention to his office business, he alienated a lot of his supporters, was difficult in dealing with the legislature. ... He switched parties, he kind of flip-flopped around on abortion. That displeased a lot of conservatives who don't think he is the real thing. A lot of people who voted for him before feel that he had his chance.

HOTLINE: Who makes it to the runoff?

MAGINNIS: It's anyone's guess as to whether Roemer, Foster, [Treas. Mary] Landrieu, or even [4th CD Rep.] Cleo Fields has a shot at squeezing in there. I don't think [LG] Melinda Schwegmann has much of a shot. After she started attacking Mary, it slowed Landrieu down, but it stopped Schwegmann in her tracks. People didn't like the negative ads that she ran, and in a primary when you run negative ads, your voters have other choices besides the attacker, and that really hurt Schwegmann. I think Foster was pulling ahead of Roemer, had a lot of momentum going, to where Buddy could have been knocked out of the runoff. But Roemer has stemmed some of Foster's momentum and the two have battled to a draw. They may both go to the runoff.

HOTLINE: What's happening with Cleo Fields and the black vote?

MAGINNIS: The question is what kind of black turnout he will get. Usually it is about 7 or 8 points less than the white turnout in [LA] and that's when Edwin Edwards is running. He really did a good job of getting the black vote out. Cleo Fields is 1, not as well known as Edwards and 2, doesn't have the money to spend to energize a turnout machine. Those two factors may cause the black turnout to be 8 or 9 or 10 points less than the white turnout and that would eliminate Fields' chance of making the runoff. A good number of black voters recognize that Fields is not going to win and that voting for him would be self-defeating because then another Democrat might not make the runoff and blacks would be faced with the choice of two Republicans. With that in mind a lot of black leaders and black voters are going toward Landrieu ... because they think she's a winner.

HOTLINE: What message was [N.O. Mayor] Morial sending by his dual endorsement [of Fields and Landrieu]?

MAGINNIS: That it's okay to vote white. And the other side is that 'I'm staying black by endorsing Fields.' He really would have liked to endorse Landrieu. But with only one black

candidate running, Morial would have suffered politically both within the city and for any future statewide ambitions he might have if he were to have snubbed Fields. So the dual endorsement served Morial's purpose. It wasn't the best thing he wanted to do but it was about all he could do. He is trying to help Landrieu with turnout and fundraising, and the message is starting to get through in the black community.

HOTLINE: Landrieu is running as a reformer, sort of like Roemer did in '87. Can you compare the two?

MAGINNIS: She's getting a lot of the original support that Roemer had in '87 among college-educated, middle-class voters who are pretty much progressive. She's a new young face. Where she differs from Roemer is she is not as galvanizing a speaker as he is. I've not been very impressed with her TV advertising, nor have a lot of other people. The problem here is she is a white Democrat, who really has most of the black vote off the table and not available to her. It's been a difficult race for her to run. Also, to have another woman, a statewide-elected Democrat, running as well has had Mary in a box. The Republicans are going to choose between Roemer and Foster, most of the blacks are going to vote Fields. It doesn't leave a great pool of voters for Mary to go after.

HOTLINE: How would she do against Roemer or Foster?

MAGINNIS: She would be favored against either because there is a natural advantage to a Democrat in a statewide race, even given the more conservative national mood. She would do better among women because she is pro-choice. This is a conservative state, but it is still pretty hard to be pro-life and win a statewide race against a candidate who is pro-choice. ... On another side, there are a small number of voters who say they don't want a woman as governor, less than 15%, but that can be significant if you're losing voters who otherwise would vote for you. It will be a close race with anyone, but she has a slightly better edge against Foster than against Roemer, because Roemer is a better speaker and she is just a lot more attractive than Foster.

HOTLINE: Are there any Edwards loyalists left to make a difference in the race?

MAGINNIS: No. Even if there was a clandestine signal emitted from the mansion about where the governor really wants people to go, there's not enough white voters out there who care what he says. In fact the only difference that Edwards could make would be to hurt some candidate if the voters were to decide that he was really backing someone.

HOTLINE: What would you make of a Roemer-Foster runoff?

MAGINNIS: Real interesting race. ... A lot would depend what

Morial does. Roemer has already angered him by saying that he would call in the National Guard to clean up the streets of New Orleans. But Foster is pretty conservative too. It would be a matter of Morial and Fields reaching an accommodation with one of those two guys and being able to tell voters, well, one's a little bit better than the other. For the most part, blacks would stay home. But if they moved in one direction, it's just too big of a vote not to overlook.

HOTLINE: What would Landrieu Democrats do?

MAGINNIS: They would each go their own way. A lot of them would end up going back to Roemer, especially the ones who live in the city, because they feel threatened by Foster's gun rights/Christian coalition background. Roemer also would carry women because he is a little more pro-choice than Foster is.

HOTLINE: Despite the David Duke rhetoric?

MAGINNIS: Roemer is somewhat pro-choice. He vetoed a bill that limited abortions to rape and incest and life of the mother, but he still favors a 72-hour waiting period. Foster is totally pro-life, so Roemer could move to the center on the issue.

HOTLINE: You mentioned that you and others have not been impressed with Landrieu's TV ads. Whose ads have you been impressed with?

MAGINNIS: Roemer's done some really good ads. Alex Castellanos has done some interesting ads where Roemer's press secretary has followed him around with a handycam. It's very rough footage but it shows Buddy being a lot more emotional than speaking to some audience. The ads have been more credible than Buddy is. Foster's ads, done by Roy Fletcher, have been real good too. They're nice-looking ads, they don't try to make Foster into a pretty guy -- they can't. Foster's and Roemer's have been pretty good. They've been the easiest ads to do because they knew who their audience was. White Democrats had a real trouble, they didn't know who their voters were. They have a centrist message, and that's a lot harder to deliver than a extreme message.

===== TV MONITOR =====

\*18 THIS MORNING: NBC's "Today" profiled Pat Buchanan. "CBS This Morning" hosted Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), Dep. Nat'l Sec. Adviser Samuel Berger, and a panel of experts on racial issues including Lani Guinier, THE STANDARD's Tucker Carlson, author Andrew Hacker, and community activist Leon Watkins. "FOX Morning News" hosted Sens. McCain, John Glenn (D-OH), John Breaux (D-LA) & Thad Cochran (R-MS), Reps. Scott Klug (R-WI), Lynn Woolsey (D-CA) & John Shadegg (R-AZ), and NPR's Ray Suarez.

TONIGHT: U.S. NEWS, in conjunction with WETA and CNBC, presents the latest in its debate series, "Medicare: How Will It Survive?" U.S. NEWS' Steve Roberts is the moderator; panelists

are Sens. Jay Rockefeller (D-WV), Bill Frist (R-TN) & Judd Gregg (R-NH), House Min. Leader Dick Gephardt, CEA Chair Laura Tyson, and Rep. Nancy Johnson (R-CT). The debate airs at 8 p.m. on CNBC and will re-air on WETA and other PBS stations 10/20 at 10 p.m.

LAST NIGHT: "MacNeil/Lehrer" led with the bombing in France. All other nets led with the Senate hearings on Bosnia. "M/L" focused on the MMM with its panel of regional editors. "M/L" also focused on the GOP tax cuts with Sens. Rockefeller and Don Nickles (R-OK). CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted Clinton adviser James Carville and Joint Center's Eddie Williams. CNN's "Crossfire" hosted Reps. Charlie Rangel (D-NY) and Bob Barr (R-GA). CNBC's "Russert" hosted PBS' Ken Bode. CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted W. POST's Kevin Merida. CNN's "Larry King Live" hosted Speaker Newt Gingrich, Bill Kristol and GOP analyst Ed Rollins. ABC's "Nightline" focused on reaction to the MMM.

LAUGHS: David Letterman ran a new Clinton "campaign ad": ANNCR [Over visual of Clinton making his grumpy face]: "When you're deciding whether to re-elect Bill Clinton, remember this story. One night, the president was walking home carrying a large bag of groceries. The bag broke and a jar of gravy shattered on the sidewalk. Did the president abandon the gravy? No. He got down on his knees and licked it up. [Over visual] Re-elect Bill Clinton. He eats stuff off the sidewalk" ("Late Show," CBS, 10/17). Letterman did not air a Top Ten list last night.

===== TV SOUNDBITE =====

"He has been having an extremely difficult time trying to figure out whether to accept or reject a particular campaign contribution, so he's done both."

-- ABC's Jennings, on Bob Dole and the Log Cabin GOPers, 10/17

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===== QUOTE OF THE DAY =====

"Leaders make things possible. Exceptional  
 leaders make them inevitable. Newt Gingrich  
 belongs in the category of the exceptional."

-- TIME's Lance Morrow, on the Man of the Year, 12/18-12/25 issue

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COMING THIS FRIDAY! Since the beginning of time, you've enjoyed the HOTLINE Carols and on 12/22, you can once again turn your personal thrills into cold hard laughs. You'll risk nothing with our one-year money back conditional guarantee. So before you rush off for the holidays, remember to bring along your 12/22 HOTLINE. And don't forget: You can make anything instantly funny by adding the word "Waldholtz."

???? OVERLOOKED ????

Pres. Clinton, on ABC last week dismissing comparisons to Bosnia:

"This is not Berlin. This is not the 17th Parallel in Korea."

That's for sure; the 17th Parallel is in Vietnam, not Korea. The

38th is in Korea -- courtesy Citizens for a Sound Economy's Jim

Prendergast & Dan Combs.===== WHITE HOUSE '96 =====

### \*1 ABORTION: DOLE COMMENT SURE TO MAKE PRO-LIFERS SQUIRM

Bob Dole, on "Meet the Press," was asked if abortion should be made illegal. Dole: "It should be illegal. As far as Roe vs. Wade is concerned ... with the exception of life of the mother, rape or incest. We have some exceptions." Dole, asked about a constitutional amendment to ban all abortion: "I supported that at one time. I would not do it again. ... I think there have to be some exceptions. I think there are other things we can do as far as parental notification. My view as a Republican candidate is this shouldn't be a dominant issue in the Republican nomination or the campaign for president in 1996. It's a very important issue to many, many people. ... We have people on both sides of the issue who are Republicans who feel strongly about it. I'm not trying to decide the party, I want to multiply Republicans, not divide Republicans" (NBC, 12/17). N.Y. TIMES' Seelye notes Dole's statement "is a reversal from his previous position" of favoring a constitutional amendment to ban the procedure. Dole's recent endorsement by NJ Gov Christie Whitman and mention of her as a possible runningmate, along with pro-choicer Colin Powell, have "infuriated the conservatives." Dole's "reversal" on the abortion plank "is likely to renew that anger." But it is possible that in his comments, Dole "was seeking not just to appeal to moderate Republican voters but also make himself somewhat more compatible with his future running mate, whomever he or she might be" (12/18).

VEILED THREAT? Christian Coalition's Ralph Reed: "I am profoundly disappointed by Senator Dole's remarks ... For Senator Dole to now signal retreat on this issue sends a confusing and disturbing signal to pro-family voters. ... The Christian Coalition will distribute 22 million voter guides in the presidential primaries next winter and spring. Those voter guides will accurately reflect Senator Dole's and other candidates' positions on this issue" (release, 12/18).

CONSERVATIVES REACT TO THE STANDARD: W. POST's Edsall reports "conservatives now dominate the struggle" for the GOP

nomination, but the "battle" over the abortion plank in the GOP platform is becoming "an increasingly bitter fight ... Competing factions" within the "family values" wing of the GOP are "lashing out" in "harsh" language at each other. The core of the dispute is over whether the GOP should retain in the '96 platform an endorsement of a tough "antiabortion 'human life'" constitutional amendment and the appointment of federal judges who respect "the sanctity of innocent human life" (12/17). A constitutional ban has been part of the GOP nat'l platform since '80 (Seelye, N.Y. TIMES, 12/18). The "latest shot to be fired" is an article in the 12/25 issue of THE STANDARD by Noemie Emery (see HOTLINE 12/15). Emery calls for replacing the GOP plank with language declaring that the GOP plans to reduce abortion "through aggressive, through voluntary, and non-coercive, means." The article received "strong support" from STANDARD editor Bill Kristol, ex-Reagan education sec. Bill Bennett (12/17). Bennett, in a recent speech, argued that insisting on a pro-life amendment has not "done much good, and I also believe there may well be drawbacks to it. Above all, I believe it has done nothing to reduce the number of abortions. And that is, after all, the central issue of this debate." Family Research Council pres. Gary Bauer: "Any attempt to water down the platform from its current insistence on constitutional protections for unborn children is politically stupid and morally wrong." Christian Coalition exec. dir. Ralph Reed: "This is an awfully peculiar time for pro-life Republicans to be undergoing a painful introspection on the abortion issue given the fact that not a single pro-life incumbent lost in '94. Reed argued that any attempt to modify the platform is "frankly a retreat that I don't think is going to resonate in the grass roots of the Republican Party" (W. POST, 12/17).

## \*2 DOLE: MEDIA CATCHES YEAR-END BOUT OF FRONT-RUNNERITIS

Bob Dole has raised "more than \$24 million" and aims to have "at least 2 1/2 times" as much as his nearest GOP rival. Dole manager Scott Reed said the campaign hopes to have \$25 million by year's end. That amount would leave Dole with \$5-6M on hand and he would receive \$9.4M in matching funds early next year. Phil Gramm "had been expected" to compete with Dole in fund-raising, but his contributions have slowed, forcing him to send an "emergency letter" to supporters. Gramm is already borrowing against his expected \$6.5M in matching funds. Lamar Alexander is also "short of money" and borrowing against the expected federal cash. Of the other candidates, only Steve Forbes can "match Dole" in fund-raising; he has said he will spend up to \$25M of his own money on the race (REUTERS/BOSTON GLOBE, 12/17). Dole "enters 1996 more firmly entrenched than ever as his party's likely nominee, with financial and institutional advantages he has never before enjoyed in his long quest for the presidency." Recruitment of GOP gov's (Dole has 19 of 31) provides Dole with "an unmatched level of institutional support." Dole officials give a great deal of credit to pol. dir. Jill Hanson for signing up some of the gov's. She was a "crucial link" in getting IL Gov. Jim Edgar and she "moved aggressively" to sign up WI Gov.

Tommy Thompson (Balz, W. POST, 12/17). W. POST's Broder writes Dole is "much closer" to his goal of winning the nomination "than seemed probable when he announced last spring. The horse-race polls with Clinton will fluctuate over the next 10 months, but the assets Dole has acquired against his GOP rivals are substantial if not overwhelming. ... Dole's single greatest success in 1995 has been in lining up the support of his party's governors" (12/17).

REPUBLICAN THERMIDOR? Bob Novak writes on Dole's recent proposed Senate schedule for '96 that suggests "not any possibility" of votes until after the 2/20 NH primary. This sent "strong -- and disturbing signals about where he is going: He feels he has all but clinched the Republican nomination and has so begun his general election campaign. After a year of uncomfortable embrace with Newt Gingrich, he is disconnecting. The Republican revolution is suspended, replaced by Dole-like deal making. Dole has no intention of delegating duties as majority leader, much less resigning, while running for president. ... Dole has been told by trusted advisers to move quickly from revolution to thermidor: Make a deal now, even if it confirms-government-as-usual" (N.Y. POST, 12/18).

"MEET" MY FRIEND GEN. POWELL: On "Meet the Press," Dole "confessed he hasn't given up hope of convincing Colin Powell to take the No.2 spot on the GOP ticket" (Galvin, N.Y. POST, 12/19). Although Powell has publicly ruled out VP possibilities, Dole said, "I think with his concern about America, his service to America, and his concern about the future ... my view is he would answer the call to duty -- again" (NBC, 12/17). However, Powell spokesperson Bill Smullen responded, "They haven't talked about that, nor has he been asked by the senator. ... The general made it very clear when he made his announcement on Nov. 8 that he was not seeking an elective office in 1996 and that would include the vice presidency" (AP, 12/18). Dem analyst Bob Beckel: "What he did yesterday was put Colin Powell in a terrible position. ... I don't get it. I don't think his campaign manager liked it one bit." Fred Barnes: "Ultimately, [Powell] will join a Republican ticket but Bob Dole is not supposed to be saying this now, and that's why his handlers want to keep him off these television talk shows, because he talks out of school" (CBS, 12/18).

IA KUDOS: The DES MOINES REGISTER interviewed Dole by telephone, after which the paper offered its impression: "Dole is the voice of government experience. In a contest where many of the presidential candidates claim to be bigger government outsiders than the Lone Ranger, Dole talks candidly about his years as a political insider, who these days, is often on the phone with President Clinton. Dole made it clear: He's no victim of Potomac fever, but he is a seasoned pro who's used to wrestling with Congress. ... Concise and specific in his answers, Dole sounded more moderate than he does in the news. ... Dole was unruffled by a question about whether he was wooing votes by telling conservatives what they want to here [case in point: Bosnia]. ... Dole can spout rhetoric with the best of them, but his words radiate with political know-how" (12/18).

NH SPANKS: NH SUNDAY NEWS editorial: "One week ago,

definitive word came from [NJ Gov.] Christie Whitman's office that she was endorsing Dole. (Interesting that the outspoken pro-abortion governor would endorse Dole, but that's another story.) Asked to comment on the endorsement, Dole lied. There is no other way to put it. He told reporters in New Hampshire that he did not know if Whitman would endorse him. ... Why does Dole do this? It is stupid and it is why so many people are so soured on politics as usual. The fact that Pat Buchanan, by contrast, does not say what he does not mean is often cited to this newspaper as a big plus for Buchanan" (12/17). CONCORD MONITOR on Dole's reluctance to take part in a Concord GOP debate (see HOTLINE 12/15): "Courageous as he has been about committing U.S. troops to Bosnia, the nation's most powerful senator is acting cowardly about appearing before Republican troops in Concord. ... That debate, with a potential national TV audience would be good for the campaign, for the new Capitol theater and for Concord, its host city" (12/17).

### \*3 FORBES: THE THRILLER IN MANCHESTER, FORBES-GRAMM III

Steve Forbes went on the air with new radio and TV ads that charge Phil Gramm with denying he had engineered a \$100 billion tax increase in 1990. Gramm called an earlier Forbes ad "deceitful," saying he helped negotiate the 1990 budget deal, but then voted against its final version 3 times (see HOTLINE 12/15). From the new Forbes ad: "The truth is Gramm helped Bob Dole engineer a huge tax increase. But then to cover himself politically, Phil Gramm flip-flopped on Bob Dole and voted against it." Gramm NH manager Jim Courtovich: "Repeating a lie doesn't make it true. This is the kind of technique you see from the Madison Avenue media agents." Will Gramm put out another ad on this issue? No, according to Courtovich: "We pointed out that his ad is deceptive, and we're moving on. ... When all is said and done, the only people focusing on this are the political activists. The other people in New Hampshire are busy doing their Christmas shopping." Forbes' state director Paul Collins "wouldn't comment on how New Hampshire voters would react to these ads." Collins "also declined to say whether the Forbes campaign would keep the heat on" the other candidates (Hall, CONCORD MONITOR, 12/16).

AND THEIR FAVORITE SONG WAS THE 1812 OVERDOSE: Forbes, from a Rotary Club speech in Des Moines: "We know today we have a very serious problem with drug and alcohol abuse. The use of drugs has gone up alarmingly. It's not the first time in our history we've had these problems. Go back to the 1820s. Back then, alcohol consumption in America was about four to five times per person what it is today. Everyone in those days took a swig from the jug. Kids did it. Preachers did it. Teachers did it. Adults did it. So that by the late 1820s, come noontime in America, much of the nation was kind of in a haze" (D.M. REGISTER, 12/16).

DAZED AND CONFUSED: K.C. STAR's Kraske on Forbes: "Never mind the conventional wisdom in Iowa that calls for candidates to first establish a grass-roots organization that gets supporters out on caucus nights. Only then, the thinking goes, should they

launch advertising campaigns. The Princeton University graduate has reversed the equation in his free-wheeling, 11th-hour gamble. And he isn't the least bit defensive about charges that he is attempting to buy the race." Forbes: "The American people are not for sale. All I can do is get my message of growth and opportunity to the voters. Then the voters take it from there. They judge the message and the messenger." Forbes faces "enormous obstacles": "There's the inescapable comparisons with Perot, the last businessman to run for president. While Forbes' patrician upbringing makes him far more refined than the Texan, Perot at least made his millions on his own. When it comes to style, Forbes' handlers say his public speaking has improved, but the product on Friday was rough. Monotone voice. Hurried delivery. Few smiles. An almost robotic side-to-side sweeping of the head as he spoke. His voice could pose another concern. Its unmistakable Eastern lilt hints, 'Rich Guy'" (12/17).

FLAT TAX MEETS IRA MAGAZINER: BOSTON GLOBE's Canellos examines "sweeping proposals" which would accompany Forbes' flat 17 percent tax rate. "While proponents contend that a flat tax would lower interest rates enough to offset the lost mortgage deduction, Forbes' opponents are keying on the proposal as a sign that Forbes, scion of a publishing fortune, is out of touch with average Americans." Lamar Alexander: "The truth is, there's an element of Ira Magazinerism in some of these pure flat-tax plans. The Republicans need to avoid the zealotry and theorizing that characterized Hillary Clinton's effort to overhaul our health-care system. What looks good on the chalkboard doesn't always work in the real world." (12/17). L.A. TIMES' Brownstein: "Republicans sensitive to the temptation of ideological hubris now salute each other with a new watchword: avoid Magazinerism. By which they mean it is a good thing to avoid policy initiatives of gargantuan complexity that look brilliant on paper but create more problems than they solve and eventually alienate the public, searing their sponsors in the process. ... Anxieties are radiating" from those around Dole, who "dreamed up" Jack Kemp's tax commission with Gingrich. As the tax commission completes its work, "the Dole campaign has increasingly pressured Kemp not to recommend any specific tax plan that Democrats could attack. Kemp has heard the message. ... Dole's insistence on vagueness reflects the growing anxiety in his camp -- and elsewhere in conservative circles -- over the potential political risks of a flat tax." A "senior Dole advisor": "If a serious person, meaning us, ever endorsed a flat tax, Clinton would be nuts to ever talk about anything else." (12/18)

#### \*4 GRAMM: SUPPORTS U.S. INTERVENTION IF "CLEAR PURPOSE"

At NH Technical College, Phil Gramm "reiterated his opposition" to sending U.S. troops to Bosnia, but "said he would deploy them to North Korea if that country develops a nuclear threat. He said in order to support U.S. intervention abroad, the mission "must have a clear military purpose and be worth sending his two sons to fight." Gramm: "If it became clear that North Korea were building nuclear weapons and it was impossible through economic sanctions or political pressure to stop them

from doing it, I would be willing to use military power to stop them." Gramm said he supported Pres. Bush's deployment of troops in the Persian Gulf but not Pres. Clinton's deployment in Bosnia because of the lack of "vital U.S. interests": "You have to draw a line because there are literally hundreds of places in the world where terrible things are happening. We can't solve all those problems. Part of understanding power is understanding your limits of power" (Williams, Nashua TELEGRAPH, 12/17).

JUST IN CASE: Gramm has filed for re-election to his Senate seat. As a result of the "LBJ law," a candidate can simultaneously run for the presidency and the Senate (AP/DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 12/15).

#### \*5 FIELD NOTES: BUCHANAN ON GAMBLING

Pat Buchanan told churchgoers in Lafayette, LA he will help them wage war against gamblers. "In keeping with the setting, Buchanan's comments on such issues as abortion and education drew loud "amens" from the church crowd." Buchanan: "Organized gambling is a vice and an addiction. It destroys families, ravishes communities and corrupts the state. I condemn the legalized spread of gambling in what is still called God's country." Buchanan "said he also would end Goals 2000 and Outcome Based Education programs and the Bible would become acceptable reading" (Naumann, Lafayette DAILY ADVERTISER, 12/18). At LSU, Buchanan "was emphatic" about "why he should have an edge over" Phil Gramm: "I'm an unemployed, angry white male. On his decision to campaign in the LA caucus: 'I said, 'Listen, I've got some friends in Louisiana who are already organizing for me. We're not going to turn our backs on Louisiana.' We're going to give Phil Gramm the fight of his life" (King, Baton Rouge ADVOCATE 12/17). Balto. SUN's Germond profiles Buchanan: "He is viewed, for better and for worse, as someone who believes exactly what he says. As a result, he is evoking both more passionate support and more adamant hostility than any of his rivals. ... His only option is to press on in the hope of going over the heads of the establishment to primary voters" (12/17).

ALEXANDER: Alexander strategist Mike Murphy, on the media's mentality when covering the GOP field: "The problem we have in the presidential process ... is, we're very much focused on Washington D.C., which means it pays to be famous or it pays to be a U.S. Senator. ... The problem we have in the campaign is, 'How do we make press without saying anything crazy?' It's hard. ... It's been the hardest thing this year. ... There's one zip code where everybody hangs out and covers each other" ("Reliable Sources," CNN, 12/17).

MEET THE CANDIDATES: CNN's "Inside Politics" will host the '96 GOP contenders in a series entitled, "Why I Want to be President" starting today. The segments will air during both the 4:00p and 8:30p shows. Over the next two weeks, the candidates will present five minute statements on why they are running. Following that, CNN's Judy Woodruff and Bernie Shaw will ask them questions. First up is Lamar Alexander. Other candidates are yet to be scheduled (release, 12/15).

ANOTHER SERIES: L.A. TIMES' Stolberg profiles the early

years of the candidates, focusing on Dole, Gramm, Alexander, and Buchanan. Today's front-page "growing up" story is the first of a four-part series called "Defining Moments: The Shaping of the GOP Front-Runners." Tomorrow: "Coming at the '60s from another direction: Civil rights, Vietnam and political choices (12/18).

**\*6 PRIMARY/CAUCUS FRACAS: AND THE WINNERS ARE ...**

IA GOP chair Brian Kennedy "said he won't seek a change" in IA's 2/12 caucus date, a move he said "effectively ends the controversy" over the primary election calendar. Kennedy: Ending the debate over debates (will) return the focus of the campaign to the candidates and the issues, where it belongs." Kennedy announced his decision in a letter to members of the state GOP cmte and to county GOP leaders who must plan the precinct caucuses. Kennedy said he decided to avoid a "leapfrog game with a non-event like the Louisiana district conventions." Kennedy said changing the caucus date "would simply legitimize the Louisiana process, call additional attention to it and enhance its credibility" (Glover, AP, 12/18). D.M. REGISTER's Flansburg praises Gramm, Buchanan, and Keyes for campaigning in LA: "If you think the oath sworn by the other six means anything, stand clear if the networks decide Louisiana should be first. You'd see some world-class changes in definitions that would make [IA GOP Gov. Terry] Branstad's low and cynical crusade for voters rights look saintly" (12/17).

HE'S OUTRAGED: Alan Keyes: "In my heart of hearts, I blame Haley Barbour for all this. Where is he? Where is the leadership of the Republican Party? Instead of running around shooting off their mouths about how we shouldn't be dealing with the issues of moral concern and abortion, why isn't he dealing with the issues a party chairman should be dealing with ... I think his performance is a disgrace and I resent having to be put as a candidate under this burden" (D.M. REGISTER, 12/17).

GRANITE STATE: NH Sec/State Bill Gardner "is poised to dismiss the upstart Delaware challenge and formally set" Tuesday, 2/20 as the NH primary date. Only Steve Forbes and Phil Gramm have filed for the 2/24 DE primary (CONCORD MONITOR, 12/17).

**\*7 PEROT: REFORM PARTY MAY NOT QUALIFY IN OHIO**

COLUMBUS DISPATCH's Rowland reports Ross Perot's Reform Party "appears to be in danger of not qualifying for the Ohio ballot next year." A DISPATCH county-by-county check of OH's 88 election boards shows the drive to be about 6,000 valid signature short of the required 33,463 signatures (12/15). Reform Party coordinator Russ Verney, on the scrutiny being employed to throw out signatures as invalid: "I expected strange things happening. We have undertaken a revolutionary movement in American politics that is a threat to the status quo throughout the country." Verney said if the party doesn't make it, he will ask to meet with Sec/State Bob Taft (R). Verney said an alternative for them would be to run their candidate as an independent in OH (12/16).

**\*8 INDIES: BIG MEETING TODAY IN MN, BUT DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH**

A "group of wild-eyed political moderates, some of the



leading centrist rebels in the Republican and Democratic parties," will gather in Minneapolis today for a symposium titled, "Locating the New Political Center in America." Rumors that the group "plans to form a party, somehow aligning remnants of Ross Perot's 1992 campaign with blocs of moderates in both major parties, have intrigued political observers. All indications are that such a birth won't happen this week." In addition to the eight principal figures, Bill Bradley, Paul Tsongas, Gary Hart, Dick Lamm, Lowell Weicker, Angus King, Tim Penny and John Anderson, other attendees include PA Gov. Tom Ridge (R) and ex-Rep. Vin Weber (R-MN) -- both Dole backers, "key figures from the Perot campaign, including pollster Gordon Black," and a "dozen other office-holders, writers, academics and policy analysts." The symposium "is being sponsored by the International Conference Foundation, an organization founded by Barry Casselman, a Twin Cities political writer." The foundation "is being financed by contributions" from some of MN's largest corporations, including Northern States Power, the St. Paul Companies, 3M and Honeywell (Smith, Minn. STAR TRIBUNE, 12/18).

#### \*9 CALIFORNIA: CLINTON LEADS GROWS; WILSON SEEMS TO HURT DOLE

A Field Poll, conducted 12/3-11, surveyed 711 registered CA voters; margin of error +/- 5.5% (S.F. CHRONICLE, 12/16). For the GOP primary results, which showed Dole leading the pack at 43%, see HOTLINE 12/15.

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Clinton-Gore	47%			Clinton-Gore	54%		
Dole-Powell	46			Dole-Wilson	38		

Clinton "has pulled out to his biggest lead" over Dole "in a state that Clinton must win to be re-elected. ... Interestingly, a Republican ticket of Dole and [CA Gov.] Pete Wilson doubles Clinton's lead." In contrast, Dole-Powell creates a near-dead heat (Yoachum, S.F. CHRONICLE, 12/16).

#### \*10 NEW HAMPSHIRE: ON THE BALLOT

Forty-five pres. hopefuls signed up to make the NH primary ballot; a record 62 filed in '92. The list (Manchester UNION LEADER, 12/18):

GOP: Lamar Alexander, Pat Buchanan, Bob Dole, Bob Dornan, Steve Forbes, Phil Gramm, Alan Keyes, Dick Lugar and Morry Taylor. Others: Berlin (NH) Mayor-elect Dick Bosa, Baptist Minister Billy Joe Clegg, Charles Collins, author Georgiana

Doerschuck, Susan Ducey, William Flanagan, p.r. consultant Russell Fornwalt, John Hurd, writer Michael Levinson, Gerald McManus, Hubert David Patty, teacher/nurse Tennie Rogers, and Richard Skillen.

DEM: Pres. Clinton. Others: Willie Felix Carter, '74 NH Senate hopeful Carmen Chimento, atty Sal Casamassima, Bruce Daniels (a Canadian), Michael Dass, Robert Drucker, ex-Buffalo (NY) Mayor James Griffin, ex-FBI agent Ted Gunderson, Vincent Hamm, businesswoman Heather Anne Harder, Caroline Killeen, Lyndon LaRouche, Frank Legas, AIDS activist Stephen Michael, David Pauling, comedian Pat Paulsen, atty John Safran, Ronald Spangler, Osie Thorpe and Ben Tomeo.

LIBERTARIAN: Irwin Schiff and Harry Browne.

===== NATIONAL BRIEFING =====

\*11 GINGRICH: TIME'S MAN OF THE YEAR

TIME named Newt Gingrich its 1995 Man of the Year: "Gingrich is our 1995 Man of the Year because his rise and partial fall were of an historic shift in Washington that will be felt for generations to come. For better or worse, he has changed the language and substance of American politics, perhaps like no other politician in recent history." TIME's Morrow writes, "Leaders make things possible. Exceptional leaders make them inevitable. Newt Gingrich belongs in the category of the exceptional. All year -- ruthlessly, brilliantly, obnoxiously -- he worked at hammering together inevitabilities: a balanced budget, for one. Not so long ago, the idea of a balanced budget was a marginal, we'll-get-to-it-someday priority. ... Gingrich has changed the center of gravity. From Franklin Roosevelt onward, Americans came to accept the Federal Government as the solution to problems, a vast parental presence. Ronald Reagan preached that government was the problem, but his Administration focused mostly on the Evil Empire; it did not overturn the grand centralizing legacy of the of [the] New Deal and Great Society. Newt Gingrich wants to reverse the physics, make American government truly centrifugal, with power flowing out of Washington, devolving to the states" (12/25-1/1 issue).

RIGHT CHOICE: U.S. NEWS' Steve Roberts: "I agree with their decision. ... The basic ideas behind his revolution are very important. They're dominant in town and he deserves the honor." Margaret Carlson: "Remember though ... it's not necessarily 'Congratulations, Newt.' Hitler was on the cover twice. Stalin was on the cover" ("Late Edition," CNN, 12/17). George Will: "It had to be Gingrich." Cokie Roberts: "Newt has certainly been the force of the year. I might have put Rabin on the cover in memorium" ("Brinkley," ABC, 12/17).

RUN AWAY! U.S. NEWS' Bowermaster writes, "the feisty freshmen are trying to carve out an identity -- and an agenda -- all their own. ... And now, with Gingrich's approval ratings falling, the freshmen have launched a well-organized, high profile public relations campaign to help demarcate their differences with Gingrich -- and with one another." Frosh Rep. Steve Largent (R-OK) and his fellow freshmen "say their

unwavering commitment to a balanced budget in seven years is a product of their loyalty to their constituents, not to the speaker." In a "confidential memo" dated 12/7/95, NRSC polling dir. Greg Strimple "warned that the speaker's 'problems and extremist image are defining the Republican Party' and added that the more Gingrich 'becomes the centerpiece of the Republican Party,' the harder it will be for GOP candidates to appeal to the political center" (12/25 & 1/1 issue). Gingrich's negatives "don't concern" frosh Rep. George Radanovich (R-CA), who hosts the speaker for a 1/11 fundraiser. Radanovich "holds a safely conservative seat and doesn't expect a serious challenge. ... Phone lines have been jammed" with requests for \$150 tickets (Howard, FRESNO BEE, 12/16). W.S. JOURNAL's Rogers profiles Gingrich under header, "General Newt: GOP's Rare Year Owes Much to How Gingrich disciplined the House" (12/18).

CA SPECIAL STRATEGY: Jack Germond: "It was a stupid strategy to begin with" ("Group," 12/16). Sen. John Breaux (D-LA): "If Tom Campbell would have been running in [LA], he would have been running as a liberal Democrat. ... It was a mistake. It didn't fit." Al Hunt: "It proved the voters ... aren't foolish enough to be duped into thinking that Tom Campbell was a Gingrich clone. ... There are going to be people where it is credible. There are going to be Republicans ... over the country -- Tate in [WA], Chrysler in [MI], Funderbunk in [NC], Longley in [ME] -- they are going to be tarred because Newt Gingrich remains a political leper" ("Gang," CNN, 12/16). Eleanor Clift: "This doesn't mean the failure of the strategy. ... Campbell ran away from Newt Gingrich" ("Group," 12/16). CNN's Sesno, with a warning for Gingrich: "If we look at history, revolutionaries are often devoured by their revolutions" ("Late Edition," CNN, 12/17). Kate O'Beirne: "Newt's personal unpopularity has not translated to the Republican agenda." Bob Novak: "You can't win elections by having the Speaker as the face of your campaign" ("Gang," CNN, 12/16). Fred Barnes: "He has changed everything. ... He's a guy who has chosen to make history not friend. ... I think of him as the Albert Belle of American politics and policy. He's the most valuable player but not the most popular." Dem analyst Bob Beckel: "The [DNC] ought to give him the man of the year award too, because he has single-handedly been responsible for reviving the Democratic Party, and reviving President Clinton" ("CBS This Morning," 12/18).

GOPAC: L.A. TIMES' Bunting & Willman write while Gingrich defenders say he is "guilty of nothing more than mastering the art of politics ... interviews and recently released federal records show that Gingrich has invited critical attention by bestowing special treatment on donors who gave substantial sums to his pet projects. ... These new actions raise new questions about whether the man who is House speaker exceeded the bounds of propriety." GOPAC exec. dir. Lisa Nelson: "In Newt's case, it doesn't matter whether they give money or not. Every day of the week he meets with people who don't give a dime. He would help them as much as he would help anyone else." Common Cause Pres. Ann McBride: "Under such circumstances -- with multiple large campaign contributions tied to an implicit request for official

help -- a reasonable person would expect that a member of Congress would return the contribution check" (12/17). U.S. NEWS' Cohen writes "Over the years, [Gingrich] has used, then dismantled, a series of tax-exempt foundations and political action committees to promote his career and various causes, showing skills that would be the envy of a Wall Street financier. Gingrich is not the only politician to use such instruments to further his cause. But he has done so more aggressively and to greater effect than nearly any politician in Washington" (12/25-1/1 issue). N.Y. DAILY NEWS' Nelson writes, "Gingrich is a tragic figure, a visionary and a brilliant teacher who unfortunately seems to have zero moral sense when it comes to his own behavior. But his antics have gone beyond ethical lapses; this belongs in the criminal courts" (12/18).

**\*12 BUDGET: 104TH CONGRESS "VERGING ON NEAR-TOTAL FAILURE?"**

KNIGHT-RIDDER's Rankin writes, "The vaunted Republican 'revolution' is verging on near-total failure." The 104th Congress which promised to "usher in an era of historic change" now looks as if it will be "among the least productive Congresses in modern times. Everything hinges on whether Congress can cut a deal" with Pres. Clinton on the budget, because GOPers "bet almost all of their chips on that one towering goal, rolling a host of objectives into their balanced-budget plan, only to see Clinton veto it earlier this month. Almost no other significant legislation has been passed by the 104th Congress. And none is likely to be passed in 1996 if the budget confrontation remains unresolved. ... What is emerging is government by gridlock with a vengeance -- but polls indicate that the public so far sides with Clinton. ... Of the 10 major promises in the much-touted House GOP Contract with America, for example, only three modest subsections have been signed into law." Brookings' Tom Mann, on this Congress: "In terms of activity, it's been one of the busiest, but in terms of actual public bills enacted, it's been the meagerest in recent history" (PHILA. INQUIRER, 12/17).

BUDGET AD: The DNC released a new 30-sec. TV spot entitled "Children." Text: "America's children. 7 million. Pushed toward poverty by higher taxes on working families. 4 million children get substandard health care. Education -- cut \$30 billion; environmental protection gutted. That's the sad truth about the Republican budget plan. The president's 7-year balanced budget plan protects Medicare, education, and gives working families with children a tax break. It's our duty to America's children -- and the president's plan will meet it" (release 12/15). RNC Chair Haley Barbour: "We have heard reports that the [DNC] placed a \$1.5 million television advertising buy on network television to attack Republicans. ... If this report is accurate, in order to get TV ads on the air [12/16], the DNC had to produce the ads and place the buy before negotiators even met [12/15], suggesting the Democrats knew in advance they were going to kill the budget talks. The Democrats came to the budget bargaining table [12/15] with no good faith" (release, 12/15). The DNC said the ad is "part of a continuing TV campaign" dealing with budget issues and the new spot is simply part of a "routine

rotation" of tv ads (AP/W. TIMES, 12/16).

CLINTON: W. POST's Jodie Allen: "The White House is overplaying its hand. ... this time the White House is clearly at fault" ("Inside Washington," 12/16). ABC's Donaldson: "After a few days, if the President's polls begin to turn around, he'll make a deal." George Will: "The President doesn't mean a word he says. ... He will stall until the fundamental principle of his life, -- the p-o-l-l -- goes wrong and he begins to see that moderate and conservative Democrats are about to desert him, which they will" ("Brinkley," ABC, 12/17).

COMPROMISE? CBS' Orr: "With the president and Republicans entrenched in their positions and not negotiating, a compromise from the moderates may be the last best chance to break the stalemate" (12/17). Bob Dole, asked how long it would take to strike a deal if he, Gingrich and Clinton would meet behind closed doors: "About a day or less" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 12/17). WH CoS Leon Panetta "said Democrats planned to offer a new proposal this week to break the stalemate" (Devroy/Pianin, W. POST, 12/18). W. TIMES' Strobel writes Clinton and his aide "have hinted they are eager for a budget agreement" to campaign on in '96 "just as long as Republicans provide a little political cover" (12/18).

THIS JUST IN: NBC's "Today" reports this a.m. that Dole will meet with Clinton today. Dem analyst Bob Beckel: "If it's not done in the next 48 hours I think it could even turn on Clinton. ... Watch Breaux of Louisiana, I think he's got a deal in the oven" ("CBS This Morning," 12/18). ABC's Zelnick: "The Republican political position is weaker now than during the first shutdown. Because, then they knew that many Conservative, so-called Blue Dog Democrats favored the seven-year balanced budget, while this time around the position of these same Democrats is closer to the administration" ("GMA," ABC, 12/18).

LAST WORD: PBS' Ken Bode: "If this goes continuing resolution after continuing resolution to the election, put some money down on Ross Perot" ("Wash. Week," PBS, 12/15).

### \*13 WHITEWATER: BOTH SIDES YIELD AS SENATE VOTE LOOMS

The WH said it was willing to drop most of the conditions it set on turning over Whitewater documents, including the claim for atty/client privilege. The sticking point remains whether independent counsel Kenneth Starr would agree that if the WH turned over the notes, Starr's investigation would not pursue all Whitewater conversations between the Clintons and their personal lawyers. The WH said that Starr issued a subpoena for the same notes last week. Whitewater cmte chair Al D'Amato said he would be willing to urge Starr to tell the WH that if it released the disputed notes, Clinton would not be waiving his atty/client privileges. WH Press Sec. Mike McCurry said that if all parties agreed that the submission of notes would not constitute a waiver, "those notes will be in the possession of the committee in a nanosecond." But D'Amato said he would not wait for an agreement with Starr to move ahead with his own investigation. The cmte voted along party lines to ask the full Senate to enforce a subpoena for the notes in federal court. The full

Senate is scheduled to vote 12/20. The cmte faces a 2/29 deadline to complete its work. But D'Amato "may ask for an extension" because of conflicts between cmte Republicans and the WH (Novak, N.Y. POST, 12/16). D'Amato: "I have now come, unfortunately, to the conclusion that the administration is attempting to run out the clock" ("IP Weekend," CNN, 12/16). More D'Amato: "If the president has nothing to hide, make the notes available, we'll end this. We're not attempting to invade that relationship of attorney-client" ("NewsHour," PBS, 12/15).

#### FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T WAIT 3 DAYS FOR OLIVER STONE'S "NIXON":

The WH has "opened a campaign" to distance Whitewater from Watergate, and printed portions of a letter from James Hamilton, atty for Vince Foster's family, to Pres. Clinton, which warned that "any hint of attempts at interdiction or manipulation could raise the specter of Watergate." Dem analyst Ted Van Dyk: "The real damage to Nixon was done because of the cover-up, not the act. It was the resistance and coverup which did him in and the same could be true here. This is now a story about the presidency -- and not some Arkansas deal" (Bedard, W. TIMES, 12/16). Nixon alum. Chuck Colson: "I recall repeatedly defending Nixon at the National Press Club and other forums, by saying that Watergate was nothing more than partisan politics, pure and simple. Those were my exact words. I can't believe my eyes and ears. These people are repeating our mistakes" (Thomas, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, 12/15). N.Y. TIMES' Dowd suggests Clinton's upcoming Renaissance Weekend should include a panel called "Beyond Nixon: How to Make Even an Innocent Person Look Guilty" (12/17).

HILLARY: D'Amato, on calling the First Lady to testify: "Could you imagine ... what the cry would be from both the White House and my colleagues and from others and the media. The answer is no. I have said I am not going to do that unless it is absolutely necessary and the facts and the evidence indicate that is the only way that we can conclude this situation" ("IP Weekend," CNN, 12/16).

CLINTON STRATEGY: L.A. TIMES' Jack Nelson: "Some people not in the administration who have seen the notes say they really are innocuous, and they suggest that this could even be a setup, that the Clinton administration could be setting up the Senate committee, that they'll go ahead and have this fight in a court of law. They'll win the fight. They'll win the principle of confidentiality, then they'll turn over the notes and it'll show there's nothing there. And they'll say that it was nothing but a witch hunt, and then they'll feel like that'll give them sort of inoculation" ("Wash. Week," PBS, 12/15). CHICAGO TRIBUNE's Jim Warren: "It's a loser for the Republicans if they fork over the notes and there's nothing there" ("Cap Gang Sunday," CNN, 12/17).

IMPACT: ABC's Martin: "If not resolved, this could provoke the kind of bitter legal confrontation not seen here since the days of Watergate" (12/15). Paul Gigot: "The Nixon defense strategy is not a strategy that any president wants to go to" ("NewsHour," PBS, 12/15). Jack Germond: "The whole picture is lousy. ... It's a fishing trip and he may catch something, maybe a boot." Morton Kondracke: "The way the White House is acting makes it look like D'Amato is on to something and it looks as

though they are covering something up" ("Group," 12/16).

SINCE YOU ASKED: Dole, asked if Whitewater will be an issue: "Whitewater, I assume, will be an issue. [But] I've never talked about Whitewater. I have not made any reference to President or Mrs. Clinton about Whitewater." Tim Russert: "Why would Whitewater be an issue?" Dole: "Because it's still bubbling out there. Now we have the question of turning over certain notes, same thing that Nixon had questions about years ago in Watergate" (NBC, 12/17).

EDITORIALS: BOSTON GLOBE: "If John Dean, John Ehrlichman and other lawyers employed by the [WH] had conferred with Richard Nixon's personal attorney in 1972, [cong. Dems] investigating the Watergate case might well have sought to subpoena notes of that discussion" (12/17). S.F. CHRONICLE: "Clinton should jettison his claim of executive privilege ... It sounds too much like 'stonewall.' And it gives the Clinton administration an unsought Nixonian aura" (12/17). HOUSTON CHRONICLE: "The president's recent actions are beginning to demonstrate that Clinton failed to learn Watergate's principal lesson: The cover-up is worse than the sins being covered up" (12/15).

#### \*14 BOSNIA: CONGRESS TAKES WEEKEND HEAT FROM ALL SIDES

Mark Shields: "The Congress showed themselves to be toothless tigers. They basically tried to have it both ways." Paul Gigot: "It was not the finest hour of a lot of members, Republican frankly" ("NewsHour," PBS, 12/15). Nina Totenberg: "It was an unseemly performance by the Congress" ("Inside Wash.," 12/16). Cokie Roberts: "[The Congress] didn't want to be on record -- that's the bottom line. ... Don't come back then and say, 'We have a role in war powers,' if you're not willing to take it on" ("Brinkley," 12/17).

DOLE: Dole, asked if the troop mission will succeed: "I think it's probably a little less than 50-50 for chance of success. ... But the Americans are equipped, they're ready, they're the best trained men and women in the world, we ought to be very positive" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 12/17). Al Hunt: "Talk about 'Profiles in Courage.' Bob Dole and John McCain really, really did step up to the plate." Bob Novak: "[Dole and McCain] made a vast mistake by saluting the Commander-in-Chief on a wartime mission when it's not a war" ("Cap Gang," CNN, 12/16). Eleanor Clift: "Dole looks like he's doing this because he is above politics." Morton Kondracke: "Dole has distanced himself enough. ... He's doing his duty ... and he looks like an upstanding guy in all this and won't get blamed." Howard Fineman: "Dole's in this thing and he's in it big time. As for the rest of the Republicans, they've fudged it, perhaps not in a statesmanlike way, but they've given themselves some ... room." Jack Germond: "[The Republicans] are in a position ... where if it goes bad, they are all going to savage Clinton" ("Group," 12/16). The STANDARD's Rees profiles Dole foreign-policy aide Mira Baratta who has taken a "paramount role" in shaping Dole's policy toward Bosnia. It was "thanks in part" to the 35 year-old Baratta's legwork that Dole's resolution in support of the U.S. troops going to the Balkans passed with 69 votes (12/25 issue).

#### \*15 COVER TO COVER

BUSINESS WEEK: "Where to Invest 1996" (12/25-1/1).

NEWSWEEK: "Year of the Internet: Images and Issues of '95" (12/25-1/1).

TIME: "Man of the Year: Newt Gingrich" (12/25-1/1).

U.S. NEWS: "Outlook '96 -- Trendsetters: People to Watch with buzzwords, Big Breakthroughs and Fond Farewells" (12/25-1/1)

NATIONAL REVIEW: "Nonsense on Stilts: Robert Reich has heightened the stature of the Labor Department by disseminating tall tales of American economic injustice" (12/31).

THE STANDARD: "Abortion and the Republican Party: A New Approach" (12/25).

===== SENATE WATCH =====

#### \*16 MONTANA: POLL SHOWS SOLID BAUCUS LEAD

A TRIBUNE Poll conducted 12/4-9 by the Rochester Research Group, surveyed 384 MT adults; margin of error +/- 5%. Tested: Sen. Max Baucus (D) and LG Dennis Rehberg (R) (GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE, 12/17).

Baucus	50%	Clinton	42%
Rehberg	34	Dole	41
Undec.	13	Undec.	9

Baucus mgr. David Hunter: "The fact that Baucus is at 50 percent in any (independent) poll is a good sign, as far as I'm concerned. Even if Rehberg got all of the undecideds, Max would still win the race. That's a good position to be in." The poll indicated Baucus' strongest support came from women, urban voters, low-income voters and those with college degrees. In all of these cases his lead was over 20 points. Rehberg led among those over 70 (42-35%) and among GOPers (63-17%). Dems "almost unanimously" supported Baucus, with 89% in his corner (Dennison, TRIBUNE, 12/17). Other possible GOPers: '90 primary cand. John Domenech and businessman Ed Borchardt. Possible ind.: '94 Dem primary cand. Becky Shaw. Filing deadline: 3/21.

#### \*17 VIRGINIA: DEMS WILL GO THE CONVENTION ROUTE

VA Dem leaders voted "overwhelmingly" to nominate their candidate at a convention to be held 6/96 in Hampton. The nominee, though, "will be decided long before that," as caucuses will be held 4/13-15. Ex-Dem chair/millionaire businessman Mark Warner (D) is the "favorite," but ex-Rep. Leslie Byrne (D) "made it clear she plans to wage a hard fight for the nomination by appealing to the party's sense of liberal compassion." Also running for the Dem nomination is perennial cand. Nancy Spannaus, a follower of "political extremist" Lyndon LaRouche (Whitley, RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH, 12/17). While the vote for holding a convention "passed easily," a few of the 133 Dem participants "said a primary would be more democratic and produce a stronger candidate." Some Dems have speculated that a primary "could boost their chances of winning the general election" and said that ex-OMB budget dir. Jim Miller (R) "would be easier to beat



in November" than Sen. John Warner (R) (Slud, W. TIMES, 12/17).

===== ON THE HOUSE =====

**\*18 IL 04: GUTIERREZ FIGHTS FOR HIS DISTRICT**

Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D) "forcefully defended" the constitutionality of his CD in federal court, saying that without it, Chicago Latinos "virtually would have no chance of electing a congressman who represents their interests." Gutierrez addressed a panel of three federal judges who are considering a suit alleging that the district was illegally gerrymandered to create a Hispanic-majority district. Gutierrez, who became IL's first Hispanic congressman when he was elected in '92, told the court about the history of discrimination against Latinos and common socioeconomic problems shared by Latinos in the 4th. He also "denied" that there were any "significant rifts" between the largely Puerto Rican population living in the northern portion of the district and the mostly Mexican-American population in the southern part. Attys challenging the district "have tried to show that the district's Puerto Ricans and Mexican-Americans have far different concerns and do not belong in a single district." Gutierrez's testimony came on final day of a hearing to decide whether the 4th should be redrawn before the 3/19/96 primary. If the court strikes down the district, "much of Illinois' congressional map could be altered" (Marx, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 12/16).

**\*19 MD 07: REID ANNOUNCES, GETS SUPPORT FROM STEP-BROTHER**

The Rev. Frank Reid III (D) announced for the seat being vacated by Rep. Kweisi Mfume (D), who is leaving to head the NAACP. Reid: "What do people need today? They need a voice in Washington, a voice of righteousness and a voice that is not afraid of Newt Gingrich." It was a "fiery speech that melded religious and political themes," a speech that was attended by his step-brother, Balto. Mayor Kurt Schmoke (D), who endorsed Reid. Also attending the announcement was state Sen. Larry Young (D), who had been considering running. Reid is considered a "strong" candidate, which "much of his perceived strength stemming from his relationship with the mayor and the fact that he has a congregation of more than 10,000." But his entry is not expected to scare off major Dem opposition, which may include other "strong candidates" such as House Speaker pro tem Elijah Cummings, state Sen. Delores Kelley, and state Dels. Salima Siler Marriott & Kenneth Montague; "at least a dozen" others may also run (Zorzi, Balto. SUN, 12/18). Other Dem possibles: the Rev. Medgar Reid, state Sen. Ralph Hughes, and '86 House cand. Dwight Petit. St. George I.B. Crosse III -- the GOP nominee against Mfume in '86, said he too is considering the race, but "would do so this time" as a Dem. Ex-Rep. Parren Mitchell (D), Mfume's predecessor, "hinted" he may back Cummings; Mitchell, on Reid: "I'm amazed that he would seek political office" (SUN, 12/16). Primary: 3/5. Filing deadline: 12/26.

**\*20 PA 16: WALKER SEAT IS RELIABLY REPUBLICAN**

The seat being vacated after 20 years by Rep. Bob Walker

(R), a long-time Newt Gingrich ally (see HOTLINE, 12/15), is "one of the country's safest Republican districts." Walker, chair of the House Science Cmte, insisted his decision was not based on his failure to be elected to a leadership position -- he lost in the Whip's race to Rep. Tom DeLay (R-TX). But he gave no reason, other than it was "time to move on." Walker noted that none of his predecessors held the seat more than 20 years "and he had no desire to be the first to do so." One name mentioned in early speculation was GOP state Sen. James Gerlach (Henson, PHILA. INQUIRER, 12/16). Other GOP possibles: state Sens. Gibson Armstrong & Noah Davis, Lancaster Co. Commis. Terry Kauffman, ex-Lancaster Co. GOP chairs Stephen Gribble & Marilyn Ware Lewis, Chester Co. Commis. Karen Martynick, ex-Lancaster Mayor Arthur Morris, and ex-Walker aide Bill Wiechterman. Filing deadline: 2/13).

#### \*21 TX 12: BLUE DOG DEM GEREN DECIDES TO BARK ELSEWHERE

Rep. Pete Geren (D) "stunned his colleagues" 12/15 when he announced he would not seek re-election in '96. Geren, who said he wanted to spend more time with his family, is the fifth House Dem -- sixth overall -- in the TX delegation to opt out of re-election. A "conservative best known for his work on fiscal policy and defense issues," Geren "consistently voted with Republicans" throughout his tenure in Washington and was "instrumental" in creating the group of conservative Dems known as Blue Dog Democrats. He succeeded House Speaker Jim Wright (D) in '89 after Wright's resignation on ethics charges (Camia, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 12/16). Possibles: Fort Worth Mayor Kay Granger, who is being wooed by both parties, and Fort Worth City Councilmembers William Meadows and Kenneth Barr. The council is non-partisan; Meadows would be expected to run as a Dem.

#### \*22 UT 02: 60% SAY THEY WOULDN'T VOTE FOR ENID IF SHE RAN

A SALT LAKE TRIBUNE poll, conducted 12/13-15, surveyed 507 2nd CD voters on the controversy over frosh Rep. Enid Greene Waldholtz (R); margin of error +/- 4.4% (12/17).

#### HOW CANDID WAS SHE IN HER PRESS CONFERENCE?

Quite truthful	31%
Mostly truthful	36
Not especially truthful	24

#### ENID PLACED THE BLAME FOR FINANCIAL PROBLEMS ON HER HUSBAND.

#### WHAT IS YOUR FEELING ABOUT HER RESPONSIBILITY?

Joe is totally to blame	16%
Enid and Joe share blame	58
Enid must take most blame	20

#### SHOULD SHE SEEK ANOTHER TERM? IF SHE DID RUN ...

Yes	18%	Would vote for her	16%
No	69	Would not	60
		Depends on opponent	17

#### SHOULD SHE RESIGN?

Yes	42%
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POLL TALK: Following her press conference, "a fatally large number of constituents remain unconvinced and unforgiving" of Waldholtz. The poll indicates that she "is all but finished politically. The only question remaining may be the time and tenor of resignation: quick and relatively clean -- perhaps after discussions with the Justice Department -- so long as the GOP has a special election candidate lined up, or a formal announcement, probably within a month, of her retirement at the end of her term" (Shelledy, S.L. TRIBUNE, 12/15). "Republican insiders now view her resignation as inevitable, although she may hold onto the seat for several months for its bargaining power with federal investigators. ... While evidence suggests that [Joe] engineered the illegal deals that have devastated her career, Enid's near-obsessive quest for power made them possible" (Harrie, TRIBUNE, 12/15).

NO TAX FILING: Enid atty Charles Roistacher said she had not filed income tax returns for '94 and that the House ethics cmte had begun a probe into her personal financial disclosure forms (W. POST, 12/16).

"QUESTIONABLE LIFESTYLE CHOICES": Roistacher also "confirmed that 'male, gay pornographic materials' had been found in Joe's closets at both the Waldholtzes' homes in Washington and Utah. But he would not comment on if that is what Enid meant" when she alluded to Joe's "questionable lifestyle choices." Also, ex-Enid campaign manager David Harmer said he saw Joe take large amounts of prescription painkillers. Joe appeared before U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan on 12/15 but did not testify before the grand jury because the "probe is expanding into many complicated areas" and prosecutors "are not sure" what they want to ask Joe while he is under oath. Sullivan lifted restrictions on Joe's ability to travel. Enid testified for more than three hours before the grand jury on 12/14 (Davidson, DESERET NEWS, 12/15).

PUNDITRY: NATIONAL REVIEW's Kate O'Beirne: "She ought to step aside and let the voters return her, if that's what they want to do." Mark Shields, on the Waldholtzes' failure to file '94 tax returns: "We've got representation without taxation." Bob Novak: "It might just be possible that the reason everybody is so nasty about Enid is the fact that she is a conservative" ("Cap Gang," CNN, 12/16). Mona Charen: "Her story has a lot of holes in it." Howard Fineman: "Her husband's ratting her out right at this minute. ... Taking up with Joe Waldholtz in the beginning is my definition of 'blind ambition' in politics" ("Cap Gang Sunday," CNN, 12/17).

===== POLL UPDATE =====

\*23 TIME/CNN: "MAN OF THE YEAR" GINGRICH HAS LOUSY RATING

1,000 adults surveyed 12/6-7 by Yankelovich Partners; margin of error +/- 3% (release, 12/16).

NOW 1/25-26  
GINGRICH JOB ALL GOP IND DEM ALL GOP IND DEM

Approve	31%	58%	32%	15%	39%	50%	38%	28%
Disapprove	53	35	46	70	36	22	36	48

GINGRICH BRINGING NEEDED CHANGES TO GOVT? ALL GOP IND DEM

Yes	34%	56%	32%	23%
No	51	34	51	62

LIKE TO SEE NEWT RUN FOR PRES. SOME DAY? ALL GOP IND DEM

Yes	9%	20%	8%	3%
No	80	70	80	88

DO YOU PERSONALLY LIKE GINGRICH? ALL GOP IND DEM

Yes	25%	45%	23%	15%
No	56	43	59	65

APPLIES TO GINGRICH? YES NO

Intelligent	72%	17%
Too extreme in his views	63	24
Out of touch with the American people	52	35
Scary	49	39
Insensitive to the needs of the poor	49	35
Someone with a vision about the future	47	40
Delivers on what he says he'll do	42	36
Cares about the average American	35	53
Dishonest	29	44
Cares about poor people	28	58
Someone you are proud to have as a leader in Congress	26	61
Someone you can trust	24	60

LEADER MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AMOUNT OF GOP INFLUENCE IN GOVT. GINGRICH HONEST/TRUSTWORTHY ENOUGH TO BE THE SPEAKER?

Gingrich	25%	NOW	3/95
Dole	21	Yes	42% 40%
Other	10	No	42 43
Don't know	40		

\*24 ASSOCIATED PRESS: CLINTON RE-ELECT IS WELL BELOW 50%  
1,004 adults surveyed 12/8-12 by ICR Survey Research Group;  
margin of error +/- 3% (12/17).

CLINTON RE-ELECT GENERIC HOUSE BALLOT

Yes	43%	Democrat	46%
No	42	Republican	37
===== TV MONITOR =====			

\*25 THIS MORNING: NBC's "Today" hosted departing drug czar Lee Brown, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT), and TIME exec. editor Jim Kelly. "CBS This Morning" hosted Dem strategist Bob Beckel and THE STANDARD's Fred Barnes. "FOX Morning News" hosted Sen. John Breaux (D-LA), Reps. John Boehner (R-OH), Connie Morella (R-MD) & Jim Moran (D-VA), THE STANDARD's John Podhoretz and L.A. TIMES' Jane Bornemeier.

HARD ON THE OUTSIDE, SOFT ON THE INSIDE: Biographer Richard Ben Cramer: "Dole has a reputation as being this tough guy who gets nasty in the clenches and such. I find him to be a very tender individual. ... [In moments like when he said 'Stop lying about my record'] what really was happening was they were getting too close to Bob Dole's tender center" ("Meet," NBC, 12/17).

SOFT ON THE OUTSIDE, HARD ON THE INSIDE: Biographer David Maraniss: "Clinton is seen to be this tender person, 'I feel your pain.' But at his center, he's very hard and that's why he keeps going" ("Meet," NBC, 12/17).

LAUGHS: Mark Shields, on Enid and Joe Waldholtz: "It just proves to you that computer dating is not an exact science" ("IP Weekend," CNN, 12/16). Jay Leno, comparing the Waldholtzes to the Bobbitts: "Enid snuck into Joe's room with a knife and tried to cut off one of his chins." Leno, on DC Mayor Marion Barry's recovery from cancer surgery: "The doctors gave him something he's never seen before. A prescription for drugs" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 12/15).

#### TOP TEN THINGS CLINTON IS HIDING IN HIS WHITEWATER NOTES:

- 10) Names and numbers of back-up First Ladies after Hillary goes to jail.
- 9) Doctor's report declaring his brother Roger "a bonehead."
- 8) Memo to Madonna offering to sire her child.
- 7) Hundreds of filthy limericks using the name "Newt."
- 6) Presidential discount card for Georgetown Hooters.
- 5) Note to self: "Blame it on Hillary."
- 4) Apparently for the last couple of years he's been a "Lame Duck" in the sack.
- 3) Reminder to never, ever do this again (referring to Clinton singing "Ride Sally Ride").
- 2) His passport, a fake beard and \$10,000 in cash.
- 1) The recipe for secret sauce ("Late Show," CBS, 12/15).

#### ===== TV SOUNDBITE =====

"Some people not in the administration, who have seen the notes, say they really are innocuous, and they suggest that this could even be a setup, that the Clinton administration could be setting up the Senate committee, that they'll go ahead and have this fight in a court of law. They'll win the fight. They'll win the principle of confidentiality, then they'll turn over the notes and it'll show there's nothing there."

-- L.A. TIMES' Jack Nelson, on "Wash. Week," PBS, 12/15

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December 3, 1996

TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO  
THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE

December 2, 1996

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

The humanitarian situation in Rwanda and the Great Lakes region of eastern Zaire has been a continuing source of international concern. Although approximately 600,000 refugees have recently returned to Rwanda from Zaire, the situation remains uncertain. An estimated 200,000 or more refugees and displaced persons remain scattered in eastern Zaire likely without adequate food, water, shelter, or medical care. Repatriation is expected to continue in the foreseeable future. Urgent action may still be



required, however, to supply essential relief to refugees and displaced persons still located in eastern Zaire and to assist those refugees that have returned to Rwanda.

In response to United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1080 (1996), the United States plans to participate in a multinational effort, led by Canada, to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance and to facilitate the voluntary, orderly repatriation of refugees by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other humanitarian aid organizations as well as the voluntary return of displaced persons. Pending final consultation with our allies, I expect the United States to contribute personnel and equipment to the headquarters, civil-military affairs and psychological operations units, and other support elements as required.

In furtherance of UNSCR 1080 and the aim of the multinational effort, the United States has already positioned personnel and equipment in furtherance of "Operation Guardian Assistance" (approximately 400 personnel are currently in the region) to conduct non-combat missions, including airlift, air control, and related services in support of ongoing humanitarian efforts by Rwanda and private relief organizations.

Part of the U. S. assistance to the region has been helping locate groups of refugees and displaced persons to ascertain their movement and condition. The United States has used

aircraft and other means in an effort to gain accurate and complete information. Although there has been sporadic fire from unknown sources at aircraft over-flying the Great Lakes region, including U.S. Navy aircraft, it is not clear that this fire was intentionally directed at U.S. personnel. This past weekend the United States also deployed an AC-130U aircraft to the area to facilitate this effort through the use of aerial surveys. Although its primary mission is aerial surveys, the aircraft is fully mission-capable and will be available for search and rescue or other force-protection missions, if

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required. The aircraft will be based in Entebbe Airfield, Uganda, and will conduct aerial surveys throughout the Great Lakes region. The aircraft will remain in the area as long as aerial survey efforts are required by relief efforts.

The United States recognizes that the return of peace and security to the region will ultimately rest on the resolution of

long-standing political and social differences and an end to the fighting. The United States is actively supporting the United Nations and the international community to achieve those ends. Humanitarian concerns, however, require that the United States take immediate action to relieve the suffering of innocent victims of the regional instability until those long-term political and social differences can be resolved.

I have taken this action pursuant to my constitutional authority to conduct the foreign relations of the United States and as Commander in Chief and Chief Executive. I am providing this report in accordance with my desire that the Congress be fully informed, consistent with the War Powers Resolution. I appreciate the support of the Congress in this action to assist the international community in its humanitarian relief efforts in Central Africa.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT  
TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE

December 20, 1996

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

In my report to the Congress of June 21, 1996, I provided further information on the deployment of combat-equipped U.S. Armed Forces to Bosnia and other states in the region in order to participate in and support the North Atlantic Treaty Organization-led Implementation Force (IFOR). I am providing this supplemental report, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, to help ensure that the Congress is kept fully informed on continued U.S. contributions in support of peacekeeping efforts in the former Yugoslavia.

We continue to work in concert with others in the international community to encourage the parties to fulfill their commitments under the Dayton Peace Agreement and to build on the gains achieved over the last year. It remains in the U.S. national interest to help bring peace to Bosnia, both for humanitarian reasons and to arrest the dangers the fighting in Bosnia represented to security and stability in Europe generally.

Through American leadership and in conjunction with our NATO allies and other countries, we have seen real progress toward sustainable peace in Bosnia. We have also made it clear to the former warring parties that it is they who are ultimately responsible for implementing the peace agreement.

Approximately 9,000 U.S. troops currently are deployed in Bosnia and Herzegovina under NATO operational command and control as part of the current Stabilization Force (SFOR) total of about 35,800. All NATO nations and 18 others, including Russia, contributed troops or other support to IFOR and most will continue to provide such support to the follow-on force, discussed below. Most U.S. troops are assigned to Multinational Division, North, centered around the city of Tuzla. In addition, approximately 6,900 U.S. troops are deployed to Hungary, Croatia, Italy, and other states in the region in order to provide logistical and other support to SFOR.

Consistent with United Nations Security Council Resolution

(UNSCR) 1031 (1995) and the North Atlantic Council decision of December 16, 1995, IFOR has now successfully accomplished its mission to monitor and ensure compliance by all parties with the military aspects of the Peace Agreement initialed in Dayton and formally signed in Paris on December 14, 1995. War no longer rages throughout Bosnia. Weapons have been cantoned, troops demobilized, and territory exchanged. While inter-ethnic tensions remain, the killing has ended and peace is taking hold. Building on its accomplishment of military tasks that established the necessary environment for civilian

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implementation, IFOR also assisted in the overall civilian implementation effort, including elections support, support to the international criminal tribunal and the facilitation of freedom of movement of civilian persons. IFOR also stood ready to provide emergency support to the United Nations Transitional Administration in Eastern Slavonia (UNTAES).

In order to contribute further to a secure environment necessary for the consolidation of peace throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina, NATO has approved, and I have authorized U.S. participation in, an IFOR follow-on force to be known as the Stabilization Force (SFOR). The United Nations Security council authorized member states to establish the follow-on force in UNSCR 1088 of December 12, 1996. Transfer of authority from IFOR to SFOR occurred on December 20, 1996. The parties to the Peace Agreement have all confirmed to NATO their support for the SFOR mission. In particular, Bosnia and Herzegovina has indicated that it welcomes SFOR.

SFOR's tasks are to deter or prevent a resumption of hostilities or new threats of peace, to consolidate IFOR's achievements, to promote a climate in which the civilian-led peace process can go forward. Subject to this primary mission, SFOR will provide selective support, within its capabilities, to civilian organizations implementing the Dayton Peace Agreement.

NATO has planned for an 18-month SFOR mission, to be formally reviewed at 6 and 12 months, with a view to progressively reducing the force's presence and, eventually, withdrawing. I expect the U.S. force contribution to SFOR to be about 8,500, less than half that deployed with IFOR at the peak of its strength. Many of the U.S. forces participating in SFOR are U.S. Army forces that were stationed in Germany. Other participating U.S. forces include special operations forces,

airfield operations support forces, air forces, and reserve personnel. An amphibious force is normally in reserve in the Mediterranean Sea, and a carrier battle group remains available to provide support for air operations.

IFOR's withdrawal has begun, on a schedule set by NATO commanders, consistent with the safety of the troops and the logistical requirements for an orderly withdrawal. A covering force of approximately 5,000 troops, drawn primarily from the U.S. 1st Infantry Division, deployed to Bosnia in November to assist in IFOR's withdrawal. During IFOR's one-year mission, U.S. forces sustained a total of 13 fatalities, all resulting from accidents. Twenty-one American servicemembers were also injured in accidents. As with U.S. forces, traffic accidents, landmines, and other accidents were the primary causes of injury to IFOR personnel.

A U.S. Army contingent remains deployed in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as part of the United Nations Preventive Deployment force (UNPREDEP). This U.N. peacekeeping force observes and monitors conditions along the border with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, effectively contributing to the stability of the region. Several U.S. Army support helicopters are also deployed to provide support to U.S. forces and UNPREDEP as required. Most of the approximately 500 U.S. soldiers participating in these missions are assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor, 1st Infantry Division. A small

contingent of U.S. military personnel is also serving in Croatia in direct support of the UNTAES Transitional Administrator.

U.S. naval forces continued, until October 2, to assist in enforcing the U.N.-mandated economic sanctions as part of NATO's participation in Operation SHARP GUARD. Because the economic

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sanctions have been terminated, U.S. naval activities in support of Operation SHARP GUARD have ceased. U.S. naval forces will remain on call to provide assistance should economic sanctions be reimposed.

I have directed the participation of U.S. Armed Forces in these operations pursuant to my constitutional authority to conduct U.S. foreign relations and as Commander in Chief and Chief Executive, and in accordance with various statutory authorities.

I am providing this report as part of my efforts to keep the Congress fully informed about developments in Bosnia and other states in the region. I will continue to consult closely with the Congress regarding our efforts to foster peace and stability

in the former Yugoslavia.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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I'm off to take my Exam ....it starts in about 20 minutes. Wish me luck!

I hope you're having a good day. Probably been a bit rough with all the  
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Talk to you later-

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SUBJECT: Read Receipt: War Powers Letters re Albania

TO: G. Timothy Saunders ( G. Timothy Saunders@EOP [ UNKNOWN ] )

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TEXT:

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CREATOR: G. Timothy Saunders ( G. Timothy Saunders@EOP@LNGTWY@LNGTWY [ UNKNOWN ] )

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SUBJECT: War Powers Letters re Albania

TO: Todd Stern ( Todd Stern@eop [ UNKNOWN ] )  
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I have been advised by NSC that we can expect to see a 48-hour report  
package  
later today reporting to the Hill on the situation in Albania.

The package will consist of letters to the Speaker and President pro  
tempore.

Under the War Powers Resolution, the President is purportedly required to  
notify the two leaders within 48 hours of U.S. Armed Forces equipped for  
combat  
being introduced into foreign territory.

We are advised by NSC that the 48 hours will expire some time between  
Saturday  
and Sunday morning.

FYI: There have been examples of such 48-hour reports -- while approved  
by the  
President within the required time frame -- being delivered to the Hill

after

such deadline. As this deadline falls on a weekend, we may have that situation

again in this instance, with the appropriately dated letters being delivered to

the Hill first thing Monday morning.

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CREATION DATE/TIME:15-MAR-1997 20:29:00.00

SUBJECT: 1997-03-15 Letter on Evacuation of Americans from Albania

TO: Jeffrey H. Cohen ( Jeffrey H. Cohen@EOP [ UNKNOWN ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

March 15, 1997

TEXT OF A LETTER FOR THE PRESIDENT

TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE

March 15, 1997

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

In February 1997, civil unrest broke out in Albania after a nationwide pyramid investment scheme destroyed the life savings of tens of thousands of investors unaware of the fraudulent nature of those investments. Protesters took to the streets and later joined political opponents of President Sali Berisha in demanding his removal. By March 13, much of Albania, including the capital city of Tirana, had fallen into widespread disorder. Looting and gunfire was reported throughout the country as sympathetic police and military officials refused to enforce the law. While there was no evidence that Americans were being directly targeted, the disorder and violence sweeping the country subjected American citizens and property to risks ranging from criminal acts to random violence.

On March 13, due to the rapidly deteriorating security situation and the potential threat to American citizens and the American Embassy, U.S. military personnel were deployed to provide enhanced security for the American Embassy in Tirana and to conduct the evacuation of certain U.S. Government employees and private U.S. citizens. Approximately 25 U.S. Marines entered the capital city on March 13 and immediately took up positions

in and around the American Embassy compound. Evacuation operations began concurrently as U.S. CH-46 helicopters operating from the USS Nassau amphibious ready group transported approximately 50 U.S. citizens to U.S. Navy ships at sea.

Evacuation efforts resumed on March 14 and are expected to continue for several days. The rescue helicopters are escorted by AH-1W Cobra helicopters, which came under fire but were not damaged during separate, sporadic incidents on March 14. In addition, a 150-member Marine rifle company has also been inserted near the American Embassy to provide additional security for the evacuation.

The Marines involved in this operation are from the Marine Expeditionary Unit currently operating in the Adriatic Sea. Although U.S. forces are equipped for combat, the evacuation is being undertaken solely for the purpose of protecting American citizens and property. United States forces will redeploy as soon as evacuation operations are complete and enhanced security at the American Embassy is no longer required.

I have taken this action pursuant to my constitutional authority to conduct U.S. foreign relations and as Commander in Chief and Chief Executive.

I am providing this report as part of my efforts to keep the Congress fully informed, consistent with the War Powers Resolution. I appreciate the support of the Congress in this

action to protect American citizens and the American Embassy  
in Tirana.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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CREATOR: G. Timothy Saunders ( G. Timothy Saunders@EOP@LNGTWY@LNGTWY [ UNKNOWN ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-JUL-1997 11:24:00.00

SUBJECT: War Powers Letters

TO: David E. Kalbaugh ( David E. Kalbaugh@EOP [ UNKNOWN ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Edwin R. Thomas III ( Edwin R. Thomas III@EOP [ UNKNOWN ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: William W. McCathran ( William W. McCathran@EOP [ UNKNOWN ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Message Creation Date was at 12-JUL-1997 11:24:00

The signed War Powers letters are on Ed's chair.

Send these up to the Hill Monday morning.

Release has gone to the Press Office.

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RECORD TYPE: FEDERAL (TRP NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Edwin R. Thomas III ( Edwin R. Thomas III@EOP@LNGTWY@LNGTWY [ UNKNOWN ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-JUL-1997 08:08:00.00

SUBJECT: Read Receipt: War Powers Letters

TO: G. Timothy Saunders ( G. Timothy Saunders@EOP [ UNKNOWN ] )  
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TEXT:  
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CREATION DATE/TIME:14-JUL-1997 08:28:00.00

SUBJECT: War Powers - Cambodia

TO: G. Timothy Saunders ( G. Timothy Saunders@EOP [ UNKNOWN ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Message Creation Date was at 14-JUL-1997 08:28:00

I have gotten a car for 0915 and will xmit these war powers letters to the

hill

if that's ok

RECORD TYPE: FEDERAL (TRP NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Edwin R. Thomas III ( Edwin R. Thomas III@EOP@LNGTWY@LNGTWY [ UNKNOWN ] )

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SUBJECT: Bosnia War Powers

TO: G. Timothy Saunders ( G. Timothy Saunders@EOP [ UNKNOWN ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Message Creation Date was at 18-DEC-1997 15:18:00

Jo Hunerwadt called to say that she is working on a 6-month war powers

report

on Bosnia that "must be done by the 20th". The last 6-month report was,

in

fact, done on 6/20/97, previous one done 12/20/96.

Bill informs that 6-mo. reports have been late.

I have put a call in to Jo to see if we could get a bootleg copy to begin preparing.

RECORD TYPE: FEDERAL (TRP NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Phillip Caplan ( Phillip Caplan@EOP@LNGTWY@LNGTWY [ UNKNOWN ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-DEC-1997 15:38:00.00

SUBJECT: Re: HILL OFFICES' AVAILABILITY re War Powers 6-months report

TO: G. Timothy Saunders ( G. Timothy Saunders@EOP [ UNKNOWN ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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might happen that way, but I want to get it announced tonight

RECORD TYPE: FEDERAL (TRP NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Elizabeth R. Newman ( Elizabeth R. Newman@EOP@LNGTWY@LNGTWY [ UNKNOWN ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-DEC-1997 17:48:00.00

SUBJECT: Text of a letter: Bosnia

TO: Michael J. Sullivan ( Michael J. Sullivan@EOP [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Steven J. Naplan ( Steven J. Naplan@cop [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Steven J. Ronnel ( Steven J. Ronnel@EOP [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:  
Message Creation Date was at 19-DEC-1997 17:48:00

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

December 19, 1997

TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

December 19, 1997

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

In my report to the Congress of June 20, 1997, I provided further information on the deployment of combat-equipped U.S. Armed Forces to Bosnia and other states in the region in order to participate in and support the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)-led Stabilization Force (SFOR), and on the beginning of the withdrawal of the NATO-led Implementation Force (IFOR), which completed its mission and transferred authority to the SFOR on December 20, 1996. I am providing this supplemental report, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, to help ensure that the Congress is kept fully informed on continued U.S. contributions in support of peacekeeping efforts in the former Yugoslavia.

We continue to work in concert with others in the international community to encourage the parties to fulfill their commitments under the Dayton Peace Agreement and to build on the gains achieved over the last 2 years. It

remains

in the U.S. national interest to help bring peace to Bosnia, both for humanitarian reasons and to arrest the dangers the fighting in Bosnia represented to security and stability in Europe generally. Through

American

leadership and in conjunction with our NATO allies and other countries, we have

seen real and continued progress toward sustainable peace in Bosnia. We have

also made it clear to the former warring parties that they are ultimately responsible for implementing the Peace Agreement.

The United Nations Security Council authorized member states to establish the

follow-on force in United Nations Security Council Resolution 1088 of December

12, 1996. The SFOR's tasks are to deter or prevent a resumption of hostilities

or new threats to peace, to consolidate IFOR's achievements and to promote a

climate in which the civilian-led peace process can go forward. Subject to

this primary mission, SFOR has provided support, within its capabilities, to

civilian organizations implementing the Dayton Peace Agreement.

During its mission, SFOR has successfully deterred the resumption of



hostilities by patrolling the Zone of Separation, inspecting and monitoring heavy weapons cantonment sites, and providing support to civilian agencies.

The SFOR has made significant achievements in demining, as well as major progress in efforts to restore road, rail, and air transportation links

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within Bosnia and Herzegovina. The SFOR has contributed to efforts to bring persons indicted for war crimes into custody in The Hague. The SFOR's support to civilian peace implementation tasks has been significant.

United States force contribution to SFOR in Bosnia remains approximately 8,500. United States forces participating in SFOR are U.S. Army forces that were stationed in Germany and the United States. Other participating U.S. forces include special operations forces, airfield operations support forces,

air forces, and reserve component personnel. An amphibious force is normally in strategic reserve in the Mediterranean Sea, and a carrier battle group remains available to provide support for air operations.

All NATO nations and 20 others, including Russia and Ukraine, have provided troops or other support to SFOR. Most U.S. troops are assigned to Multinational Division, North, centered around the city of Tuzla. In addition, approximately 3,000 U.S. troops are deployed to Hungary, Croatia, Italy, and other states in the region in order to provide logistical and other support to SFOR. Since June 1997, U.S. forces have sustained a total of three fatalities, none of which was combat-related.

A U.S. Army contingent remains deployed in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as part of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (UNPREDEP). This U.N. peacekeeping force observes and monitors conditions along the border with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Albania, effectively contributing to the stability of the region. Several U.S. Army helicopters are also deployed to provide support to U.S. forces and UNPREDEP as required. Most of the approximately 350 U.S. soldiers participating in

these

missions are assigned to the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry, 1st Armored Division. The U.N. Security Council voted December 4, 1997, to authorize

a

final extension of the UNPREDEP mandate through August 31, 1998, at which

time

UNPREDEP will be terminated.

A small contingent of U.S. military personnel is also serving in Croatia

in

direct support of the Transitional Administrator of the United Nations

Transitional Administration in Eastern Slovenia (UNTAE). These personnel

are

expected to be redeployed when UNTAES's mandate expires on January 15,

1998,

and a follow-on U.N. civilian police operation continues in the region.

In order to continue the progress we have seen in the last 6 months and to

create conditions for a self-sustaining peace, yesterday I announced that

the

United States would in principal take part in a security prescence in

Bosnia

when SFOR withdraws this summer.

I have directed the participation of U.S. Armed Forces in these operations

pursuant to my constitutional authority to conduct U.S. foreign relations

and

as Commander in Chief and Chief Executive, and in accordance with various  
statutory authorities. I am providing this report as part of my efforts  
to  
keep the Congress fully informed about developments in Bosnia and other  
states  
in the region. I will continue to consult closely with the Congress  
regarding  
our efforts to foster peace and stability in the former Yugoslavia.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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RECORD TYPE: FEDERAL (TRP NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: G. Timothy Saunders ( G. Timothy Saunders@EOP@LNGTWY@LNGTWY [ UNKNOWN ] )

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SUBJECT: HILL OFFICES' AVAILABILITY re War Powers 6-months report

TO: Phillip Caplan ( Phillip Caplan@eop [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: David E. Kalbaugh ( David E. Kalbaugh@EOP [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Edwin R. Thomas III ( Edwin R. Thomas III@EOP [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: G. Timothy Saunders ( G. Timothy Saunders@EOP [ UNKNOWN ] )  
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CC: William W. McCathran ( William W. McCathran@EOP [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:  
Message Creation Date was at 19-DEC-1997 15:13:00

PHIL,

We're advised that:

on the House side, the offices will be open until 5:00 p.m.

on the Senate side, the offices will be open until 5:30 p.m.

As a fallback, as we're in a congressional recess on a Friday afternoon  
close

to the Holidays, approval, dating, and announcement could all certainly  
happen

today, with delivery to the Hill Offices first thing Monday morning. We

have

precedent for this. (In addition, there is precedent for this report

being

late.)

TIM/CLERK

RECORD TYPE: FEDERAL (TRP NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: ajc-dc ( ajc-dc@clark.net@INET@LNGTWY [ UNKNOWN ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:13-FEB-1998 10:47:00.00

SUBJECT: End-of-week Washington Wrap

TO: Deborah B. Mohile ( Deborah B. Mohile@eop [ UNKNOWN ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

M E M O R A N D U M

February 13, 1998

To: Regional Staff and Interested Parties

From: David A. Harris, Director

Governmental and Public Affairs

American Jewish Congress

Re: End-of-week Washington Wrap

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This was a relatively quiet week in Congress, with the House not in session for most of the week due in part to Republican and Democratic retreats, and both the House and Senate eagerly anticipating next week's President's Day recess. Despite what may appear "outside the beltway" to be a Washington fascination with the ongoing White House controversy, it actually feels like business as usual on Capitol Hill, believe it or not.

## **\*\* Iraq Resolution \*\***

The Senate spent much of the week bogged-down in internal deliberations about how best to craft a resolution supporting American military action in Iraq (see attachment #1). Among other Democrats, several of the Senate's Vietnam War veterans, including Senators Max Cleland (D-GA) and Bob Kerrey (D-NE), protested earlier in the week that the first draft of a resolution endorsing the use of force would be a modern-day Gulf of Tonkin resolution, granting the president nearly unlimited leeway for military intervention. Others argued that a resolution must be passed by today, given that Congress will now be in recess until February 23, by which time the president may have acted on his own. Ultimately a compromise was reached in which the House and Senate leadership - Democrats and Republicans alike - took to the floor of Congress yesterday afternoon to make clear their support for the president if he chooses to strike Iraq. In addition, the speeches will likely be followed by a letter codifying congressional support for the use of force. In yet another chapter in the ongoing "war powers" struggle between the president and Congress, Congress will almost surely ultimately pass an official resolution endorsing the president's use of force, although - in classic congressional style - it may not come until after the bombs have begun to fall.

## **\*\* Education Savings Accounts \*\***



Perhaps the most important congressional action this week (in terms of the AJCongress agenda) occurred in the Senate Finance Committee, which on Tuesday considered and approved a version of Senator Coverdell's (R-GA) legislation establishing tax-free educational savings accounts to be used for private and parochial elementary and secondary schools (see attachment #2). You will recall that this same measure prompted a 1997 presidential veto threat that was taken seriously enough to remove Coverdell's legislative language from consideration, and cabinet secretaries Rubin and Riley this week renewed this veto threat (a copy of their letter is available via fax upon request). AJCongress continues to oppose this type of legislation, as it would drain money from public schools while creating religious liberty concerns. Furthermore, those with the sufficient post-tax income to feed such accounts would likely be sufficiently wealthy that they would have no rightful claim to such a tax subsidy. And people who pay private school tuition out of current income would not benefit from the Coverdell initiative in any way. It is not clear when this bill will move to the Senate floor, but for now it appears that it will be the first voucher-type initiative to face a full congressional vote in this session. Stay tuned for future Action Alerts on this subject in the coming weeks.

#### **\*\* Republican / Democratic Agendas \*\***

The House Republican leadership returned this week from a three-day retreat in Williamsburg, Virginia, after which they signalled their renewed commitment to a combination of debt relief and tax cuts in the coming year. Other than these broad themes, and continued talk of reducing the so-called

"marriage penalty" in the tax code, no major policy initiatives were unveiled. Not to be outdone, House Democrats scheduled their own two-day retreat at a Virginia resort, and President Clinton joined members of Congress in a Democratic pep-rally yesterday in a Senate hearing room (see attachments #3 & #4). Clearly the Democratic agenda will continue to closely track the president's State of the Union address, emphasizing the saving of the Social Security system, raising the minimum wage, investing in America's schools, and establishing a "bill of rights" for patients enrolled in managed care plans.

**\*\* Judicial Nominees \*\***

In what may ultimately prove to be only a temporary break in the logjam of judicial appointments, the Senate on Wednesday finally confirmed Margaret Morrow as a U.S. District Court Judge for the Central District of California. And on Thursday, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved by voice vote three other federal judges, whose nominations now proceed to the full Senate. These actions came as a number of senators apparently stalled the nomination of Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson, a nominee to be a district judge in Pennsylvania, over allegations that she is soft on crime. You will recall that in a recent statement following action by our Governing Council, AJCongress urged the Senate to stop delaying its consideration of judicial appointees for purely political reasons.

As always, please feel free to contact this office with any questions or

comments, and Shabbat Shalom!

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Attachment #1:

FOREIGN POLICY: CONGRESS SETTLES FOR A LETTER IN LIEU OF IRAQ RESOLUTION

\*Hill News Highlights\*

(NEWS 02/13/98; 68 lines)

Item Key: 9908

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FOREIGN POLICY: CONGRESS SETTLES FOR A LETTER IN LIEU OF IRAQ RESOLUTION

By Richard Sammon and Bob Gravely, CQ Staff Writers

With time running out for congressional action on a get-tough resolution on Iraq, House and Senate leaders yesterday decided on the next best option: floor speeches and a letter expressing unity with President Clinton.

The four Senate and House leaders -- Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo. -- all appeared united in their floor speeches yesterday afternoon, extending their combined support to Clinton if he decides to attack Iraq.

Following the floor speeches, the leaders planned to send a bipartisan letter to the president reflecting common support for a U.S. military strike if it is ordered.

The letter and leadership statements were in lieu of action on a concurrent resolution (SCONRES71) that has been delayed by concerns over its scope and language from members of both parties.

"If the president makes the decision to employ military force against the threat posed by Iraq, America will be united -- united in prayer for the safety of our men and women in uniform, united in hoping all casualties are kept to a minimum and united in hoping for a successful result," Lott said.

"The worst thing we can do is do nothing. ... In my view, the decisive use of force against Iraq -- coupled with a long-term strategy to eliminate the threat -- entails less risk than allowing Saddam Hussein's ambitions to go unchecked," he said.

Daschle stated that while differences remain over the resolution, "On the most important issue at stake, we all agree: Iraq must comply with the U.N. Security Council resolutions, and that the United States has the resolve to ensure that compliance."

Lott said he wanted "100 senators present and voting," with ample time for each member to speak on the resolution. "When we do bring a resolution up, and I think one is necessary, we don't want to restrict

the amount of time ... and the fact is if we tried to get a unanimous consent to bring it up today and vote, we wouldn't get it."

On the House side, Gingrich echoed his Senate counterpart, saying, "The leadership of this Congress is very committed to supporting the president of the United States. No one in Iraq should be confused. We are resolutely determined not to allow Iraq, under its current leader, to have chemical and biological weapons."

Daschle said it also would be inappropriate for the Senate to act without John W. Warner, R-Va., and Carl Levin, D-Mich., who are touring the Persian Gulf with Defense Secretary William S. Cohen and are preparing to brief senators on the situation.

Gephardt criticized GOP leaders for not bringing the resolution to the floor before the recess in order to put Congress on record in its support, and called on them to do so as soon as lawmakers return.

"I am concerned that we have not acted on a resolution of support already," he said. "Both the Iraqi people and the entire region remain imperiled by Saddam Hussein's deadly policies."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said a resolution would likely be considered even if air strikes occur next week. "It obviously would not be as relevant, but I think all of us want to act on a resolution," he said.

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Attachment #2:

Latest Savings Account Bill Draws More Veto Threats

\*Health/Education/Welfare\*

\*Banking/Economics/Labor\*

\*Inside Congress/Lobbies\*

(S1133, HR2646; WR 02/14/98 p. 0396; 78 lines)

Item Key: 2473

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## EDUCATION

Latest Savings Account Bill Draws More Veto Threats

>> Roth's measure would expand contributions but critics say public schools would suffer

By Sue Kirchhoff, CQ Staff Writer

Reopening a battle with the White House, the Senate Finance Committee Feb. 10 approved legislation to let taxpayers shelter up to \$2,000 a year in education savings accounts for elementary and secondary school tuition and other expenses, as well as college costs.

The bill (S1133) expands on a provision in the 1997 tax law (PL

105-34) that allows contributions of up to \$500 a year for college. In a nod to Democrats, the overall measure would also expand tax breaks for employer-paid education assistance to cover graduate level courses and provide tax-free treatment of state prepaid college tuition plans. (1997 Weekly Report, p. 2331)

"This legislation helps to provide to the American people much-needed tools to afford a quality education," said William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., the committee chairman.

The plan was approved 11-8 largely along party lines after unsuccessful efforts by Roth to broker a wider bipartisan compromise. However, Sens. John B. Breaux, D-La., and Bob Graham, D-Fla., who opposed a similar bill on the floor last year, voted for the measure.

Roth had hoped to pick up more support from Democrats on the panel by offering to include tax credits to holders of bonds issued by state and local governments for school construction, costing the federal government more than \$1 billion over 10 years.

Neither party was willing to embrace the specific proposal during a closed-door caucus. Roth said he will try to work out a deal before a floor vote.

Adding to the difficulty for the bill, a key element of the Senate GOP's agenda, Education Secretary Richard W. Riley and Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin in a Feb. 9 letter renewed White House veto

threats. They said the accounts would mainly benefit affluent taxpayers, while diverting funding from public schools.

The elementary and secondary savings accounts, named "A-plus accounts" by sponsor Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., were part of the 1997 tax legislation, but were deleted after protests from the White House. The House passed a similar, free-standing bill (HR2646) in October. Democrats twice blocked efforts to invoke cloture on a separate Senate measure. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said he will fight the bill again this year. (1997 Weekly Report p. 2691)

The Finance Committee package would let families deposit up to \$2,000 per child into the accounts annually from 1999 through 2002. The savings and the tax-free earnings they generated could be used for private school tuition, fees, tutoring, transportation and other public or private education expenses.

Families, relatives, businesses or tax-exempt foundations could contribute. The accounts would begin to phase out for individuals with annual adjusted gross incomes of \$95,000 (\$150,000 for couples) and would be eliminated for those at \$110,000 a year (\$160,000 for couples).

## BOXSCORE

Bill: S1133 -- Expanding Education Savings Accounts.



Latest action: Senate Finance Committee approval, 11-8.

Next likely action: Full Senate consideration.

Background: Bill would expand contribution limits and uses for education savings accounts.

Reference: 1997 Weekly Report, p. 3015.

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Attachment #3:

CONGRESS: HOUSE DEMOCRATS USE RETREAT TO FOCUS ON POLICY AGENDA

\*Hill News Highlights\*

(NEWS 02/11/98; 43 lines)

Item Key: 9817

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CONGRESS: HOUSE DEMOCRATS USE RETREAT TO FOCUS ON POLICY AGENDA

By Bob Gravely, CQ Staff Writer

House Democrats returned yesterday from a two-day retreat held in secret on a mountaintop, offering bold predictions that they will take control of the chamber in November.

Party leaders said 125 of the 203 Democrats attended the caucus at Virginia's Wintergreen ski resort, where President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore were among those addressing the group.

Caucus Chairman Vic Fazio, Calif., said the party will focus on four issues this year: Clinton's proposal to add 100,000 elementary school teachers; a minimum wage hike; a "bill of rights" for those enrolled in managed care health plans; and reserving any budget surplus to bolster Social Security. Clinton was said to have touted the four issues outlined by Fazio at the retreat, which was closed to reporters.

"Everything we are advocating resonates very well with the American people right now," Fazio said after members stepped off their buses yesterday.

At least one rank-and-file Democrat shared that optimism.

"If [Clinton] stays on that message, we win the House back," said Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio.

Republicans currently enjoy a 24-seat numerical advantage in the House. One independent, Bernard Sanders, Vt., generally votes with Democrats. There are four vacancies.

Fazio said he is not worried that some of the Clinton proposals embraced by House Democrats will be blocked by GOP opposition.

"Frankly, if they're not interested in some of these issues, we will take it to them in November," Fazio said.

SUPPORT FOR CLINTON: Fazio said there was little discussion during the retreat of the allegations of sexual impropriety surrounding the president. But when John D. Dingell, Mich., suggested a show of support for Clinton, Fazio reported, Democratic lawmakers responded with a standing ovation.

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By Chuck McCutcheon, CQ Staff Writer

President Clinton sought today to share some of his rising political capital with congressional Democrats by appearing at a political pep rally to bless his party's legislative agenda.

Clinton urged an appreciative audience of more than 100 lawmakers

who gathered in the Dirksen Building to "stay the path of fiscal discipline" and embrace his proposals to increase the minimum wage and dedicate any budget surplus to prop up Social Security.

"If [passage of the Democratic agenda] doesn't happen this year, we owe it to the American people to make sure that it is not our fault," Clinton said to sustained applause and cheers.

The president joined Vice President Al Gore, House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, Mo., and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, S.D., in an hour-long tribute to their party's legislative achievements, particularly the enactment of the 1993 budget and tax package without Republican support.

Clinton sought to assure prospective Democratic voters that his party will not become complacent: "What the American people want us to do is keep showing up for work and to spend precious little time celebrating," he said.

In addition to repeating his promise in his State of the Union address to protect Social Security, Clinton echoed many of the other themes outlined in his speech last month -- a "patients' bill of rights" for managed care health plans, smaller classes in elementary schools, new investment in school facilities and expanded child care and Medicare.

"You know the American people agreed with this agenda, because you

saw the response to the State of the Union," Clinton said.

**MINIMUM WAGE HIKE:** The president put heavy emphasis on increasing the minimum wage, an issue that unified Democrats and became one of their major victories during the 104th Congress. Clinton said a \$1 increase in the current \$5.15 minimum over the next two years is needed because the wage's real value has declined over the past two decades.

**RALLYING THE TROOPS:** Today's carefully orchestrated event seemed intended to rally Democrats and to shift attention away from Clinton's relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. Neither Clinton nor any of the Democratic lawmakers mentioned that furor, which today included grand jury testimony by Lewinsky's mother a few blocks away from this morning's Democratic gathering.

The unity theme extended to rivals Gore and Gephardt, both of whom are expected to seek the party's presidential nomination in 2000. Today, they momentarily put aside their well-publicized differences to heap praise on one another's leadership skills.

"We now have unity in our party, as opposed to the confusion and squabbling and disarray on the other side of the aisle," an animated Gore declared. "They have so much disarray, in fact, that the right hand doesn't know what the far-right hand is doing."

Clinton refrained from partisan rhetoric, stressing his own party's efforts to "widen opportunity, deepen the meaning of liberty and

freedom" and unite the nation.

GINGRICH SAYS 'NO' TO WAGE: House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Ga., told the U.S. Chamber of Commerce today that he strongly opposes an increase in the minimum wage, saying that "more than the minimum wage, I'd support some kind of subsidy."

"The people who most need to get a job will be the ones most hurt by the president's proposal," Gingrich said, garnering a "good point" comment from Chamber President Thomas J. Donohue.

Gingrich said that a federal subsidy for low-income people would be more beneficial for individuals and the economy than a rise in the minimum wage.

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