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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT
FROM BRUCE REED
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Good P.L.

Suggested talking points.

THE PAST

When I ran for President, I set forth a new philosophy, beyond something for nothing and every man for himself. I said we needed a new bargain between the people and their government: government should do its part to provide people opportunity -- by opening the doors of college to all, expanding health care, making the streets safe, expanding trade, and finally bringing the deficit down so the economy could grow and we have room to invest -- and individuals should do their part by taking responsibility to serve their community and country, pay child support, and move from welfare to work.

That is the philosophy I have governed by every step of the way. We took responsibility to cut the deficit from \$300 billion to almost zero, and at the same time made historic investments: EITC to lift millions out of poverty, HOPE scholarship to make 2 years of college as universal as high school, \$24 billion to extend health insurance to millions of children. We reduced the federal bureaucracy by 300,000, and we're using the money to put 100,000 police officers on the street and reduce the crime rate 5 years in a row. We replaced a welfare system based on dependency with a system based on work, and we've reduced the welfare rolls by 4 million while providing child care and health care.

THE FUTURE

We've come a long way, but we still face great challenges as we prepare Americans for the 21st century:

- * Balancing work and family -- especially child care
- * Educating America for the 21st century -- national test, Education Opportunity Zones
- * Strengthening the bargain of Social Security and Medicare
- * Pressing forward to expand health coverage and improve quality

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