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REMARKS OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE SOUTHERN REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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PHILIPPINES

MEANWHILE, ONE OF OUR OLDEST ALLIES, THE PHILIPPINES, IS STRUGGLING TO COME BACK FROM A WRENCHING CRISIS. NO DOUBT A PAGE HAS BEEN TURNED IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY, AND IT'S TIME TO LOOK AHEAD -- BUT NOT, NECESSARILY, TO <u>RUSH</u> AHEAD. CORAZON AQUINO HAS OUR ADMIRATION AND RESPECT.

BUT SHE HAS MANY CHALLENGES AHEAD, AND MANY QUESTIONS TO ANSWER. I MADE THAT POINT WHEN I MET FRIDAY WITH ONE OF HER CLOSEST ASSOCIATES, HER BROTHER-IN-LAW <u>PAUL AQUINO</u>. SHE HAS LOTS OF OUTSTANDING PEOPLE AROUND HER. BUT SHE ALSO HAS SOME ELEMENTS ON WHOSE SUPPORT SHE RELIED, WHOSE RHETORIC IS DISTURBING. AND SOME OF HER OWN COMMENTS EARLY IN THE CAMPAIGN, EVEN THOUGH LARGELY DISAVOWED LATER, ARE STILL CAUSE FOR SOME CONCERN. - 11 -

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I ALSO WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I PRESSED MR. AQUINO HARD ON THE NEED TO <u>KEEP UP THE PRESSURE</u> ON THE COMMUNIST INSURGENCY. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT HER ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO RELEASE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, INCLUDING SOME LEADERS OF THE COMMUNIST INSURGENCY. HOW SHE DEALS WITH THE HARD-CORE ELEMENT WILL BE AN EARLY TEST OF - 12 -

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AMERICA IS READY TO RESPOND

THE LIST COULD GO ON AND ON -- AFGHANISTAN, KAMPUCHEA, TERRORISM. THE CHALLENGES ARE THERE, AND THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GO AWAY.

IN MOSCOW, MR. GORBACHEV IS CONDUCTING THAT FINELY TUNED CHORUS OF "YES-MEN" WHO ARE DELEGATES TO THE 27TH COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS. THE TALK THERE IS OF ARMS CONTROL; AND SETTLING REGIONAL CONFLICTS; AND REFORM AT HOME. AND GORBACHEV'S NEW LEGIONS OF FANS AT HOME, AND AROUND THE WORLD ARE...<u>NOT</u>

SURPRISINGLY... LAPPING IT UP.

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BUT THE REALITY OUTSIDE THE KREMLIN WALLS HASN'T CHANGED A BIT. IT'S A REALITY OF OPPRESSION AT HOME; AGGRESSION AGAINST THE FREE WORLD; AND SUPPORT FOR SUBVERSION AND TERRORISM AROUND THE GLOBE.

THOSE ARE THE CHALLENGES TO US IN THE CONGRESS; TO ALL WHO PROFESS TO BE SUPPORTERS OF FREEDOM. AND THE RESPONSE IS UP TO US, TOO. I'M READY TO MEET MY RESPONSIBILITIES, AND I KNOW YOU ARE, TOO.

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"A Year of Tough Choices" Suggested Talking Points Southern Leadership Conference March 1, 1986

- It's a pleasure to join with you, the southern Republican leadership. You have shown that you're a force to be reckoned with. Beginning in 1980, you've sent six new Republican Senators to Washington. You've elected Republicans to the U.S. House of Representatives. That's a record to be proud of.
- It's a honor to share this podium with such an august crowd: Vice President George Bush, Governor Pete DuPont, General Alexander Haig, Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, Congressman Jack Kemp...Elizabeth Dole...
- Today, we're talking about the future of our Nation and the Republican Party. I'm convinced that future will be as bright as the past few years have been. Bright -- but by no means effortless.
- o In 1980, a new coalition was forged: a coalition of Americans who believed government had grown too big; people who believed individual initiative -- not government programs -- create prosperity; people who understood that America must be strong to preserve peace; people who cherished the solid values on which their country was founded.
- That coalition crossed party lines, but it was generated by Republican victories at every level of government.
- We've elected and re-elected a Republican President, Ronald Reagan. And after more than 25 years, we broke the Democrats' stranglehold on Congress by electing a Republican Majority to the United States Senate.
- These electoral successes have made it possible for Republicans to steer our Nation in some new and positive directions. In five short years, we've watched this country literally turn around:
 - -- we've begun rebuilding our Nation's defenses
 - -- restored America's respect in the world
 - -- resumed meaningful arms control talks
 - -- eased the tax burden through lower rates and indexing

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- -- we've seen a growing economy
- -- a greatly reduced poverty rate
- -- more families able to buy homes
- -- more than 9 million new jobs created
- o We didn't get this far by taking the simple approach.
- Politics can too easily make us look at the task of governing as if it were merely a trade-off between conflicting interests. Elected officials are always going to find themselves under pressures to adopt the short-term demands of a small group rather than realistic, longer-range solutions.
- But it's just that kind of thinking that's thrown our Federal budget into such turmoil.
- As Republicans, it's our responsibility to ensure government works for all the people, not just a conglomeration of small, specialized groups. And that can only happen if we have the courage and determination to make tough choices.
- o Tough choices on government spending:
 - -- meeting the challenge of Gramm-Rudman:
 - -- choosing what is truly necessary over what is merely desirable
 - -- choosing appropriate limits to the Federal role
 - -- choosing a Balanced Budget Amendment that will make responsible spending a way of life for our Government
 - -- choosing the line item veto, so that excess spending cannot sneak by unchallenged
 - -- choosing a tax system that is simpler, fairer, and does not discourage hard work and productivity.
- o Tough choices in building our defenses
 - -- choosing to strengthen our conventional defenses now so we won't be forced to choose nuclear defenses later
 - -- choosing to do what is necessary to attract and keep the finest people in our armed services.

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- -- choosing to explore a defensive shield against nuclear weapons (SDI)
- -- choosing to support freedom and democracy where it threatened
- o Tough choices in preserving our Nation's fundamental values
 - -- choosing to actively defend Americans' basic right to religious freedom (school prayer)
 - -- choosing to defend innocent human life, whether born or unborn
- There is still a great deal we need to do. The momentum must continue, but this can only be possible if we maintain our Republican majority in the United States Senate.
- If we do not hold on to that majority in the 1986 elections, there are many in Washington who will be ready to jump in and reverse what we have accomplished.
- President Reagan should not have to spend the final two years of his presidency trying to keep from drifting backwards. Rather, he should be given the chance to continue the progress toward the two things we have been fighting for: prosperity for all Americans, and a durable, lasting peace in the world.
- I'm sure you agree that maintaining our Republican majority is of crucial importance if we are to move confidently toward that future.

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FRIDAY, February 28 (Cont'd):

Address: George Bush, Vice President of the United States

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Luncheon

1:15 P.M.

2:00 - 4:45 P.M. AFTERNOON SESSION

Mitchell Daniels, Assistant to the President for Political and Intergovernmental Affairs

Elizabeth Hanford Dole, Secretary of Transportation

2:15 P.M.

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William J. Bennett, Secretary of Education

William E. Brock, Secretary of Labor

Panel: The Future of Arms Control

Chairman: Howard H. Baker, Jr., Former U. S. Senate Majority Leader

Panelists: Jeane Kirkpatrick, Former U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations Dr. Henry Kissinger, Former U. S. Secretary of the State Joe M. Rodgers, U. S. Ambassador to France

Adjournment

7:00 - 10:00 P.M. EVENING ACTIVITIES Dinner: Tennessee Country Supper

Entertainment: Minnie Pearl, Boots Randolph, Floyd Cramer

SATURDAY, MARCH 1:

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

MORNING SESSION

The Future of the Party Pierre S. "Pete" duPont, Chairman GOPAC, Former Governor of

Delware

Marilyn Hudson, National Young Republicans President

The Future of American National Security General Alexander S. Haig, Jr., Former U. S. Secretary of State

The Future of Government Helping People Dr. M. G. "Pat" Robertson, President, Christian Broadcasting Network

Adjournment

12:30 - 5:00 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Jeane Kirkpartrick, Former U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations

Luncheon

Robert Dole, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate

Clayton Yeutter, U. S. Trade Representative

Donald Sundquist, U. S. House of Representatives, Tennessee

Trent Lott, Minority Whip, U. S. House of Representatives, Mississippi

Carroll Campbell, U. S. House of Representatives, South Carolina

Panel:

Chairman: Jack Kemp, U. S. House of Representatives, New York Richard Rahn, Economist, U. S. Chamber of Commerce Wendell Wilke Gunn, Senior Partner, BF Enterprises

Adjournment

Advance: Bailey SENIOR STAFF: Devine Russo

TRAVEL SCHEDULE NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

BOB DOLE

FINAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1986

12:20pm DEPART for National Airport Butler Aviation

12:40pm ARRIVE Butler aviation and proceed to charter aircraft

Butler Aviation

703/549-8340

12:45pm WHEELS-UP for Nashville, TN

Aircraft: Saberliner Tail number: 48 HC Flight time: 1 hour 45 minutes Pilots: Glen Mitchell, co-pilots name forthcoming Seats: 6 seats Manifest: Senator Dole

1:30pm ARRIVE Nashville, TN -lhr

Nashville HCA, Hangar 10

615/361-1197

Met by: Joe Bailey Event contact: Carol Sergent 615/321-4521 Transportation: Trooper Savage 615/741-5660 Command post: 615/367-3045 (at airport)

1:35pm DEPART airport for Opryland Hotel

NOTE: Transportation provided by Trooper Savage 15" drive time

> Opryland Hotel 2800 Opryland Drive Nashville, TN

1:50pm ARRIVE Opryland Hotel and proceed 615/889-1000 to Presidential Ballroom - Gallería level

page 2 BOB DOLE TRAVEL SCHEDULE NASHVILLE, TN SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1986 2:00pm- ADDRESS the SOUTHERN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2:45pm You will be introduced by Gov. NOTE: Alexander. They would like to have you make remarks and then take Q & A. Presidential Ballroom 615/889-1000 Location: Free-standing podium and mike Facility: Raised Platform Attendance: 1200 2:50pm- PRESS AVAIL - Centennial Room B (across from Ballroom) 3:10pm YOUNG REPUBLICAN RALLY for SENATOR DOLE 3:15pm-3:30pm TO BE ANNOUNCED Location: During this time frame: NOTE: The Speaker at this time is US Trade Rep. Clayton Yeutter and Rep. Donald Sunquist (TN) 3:30pm- MEETING with Governor LeMar Alexander 3:45pm Location: Holding room MEETING with LEADERSHIP of the Florida Delegation 3:45pm-Key Senate race in 86 4:00pm NOTE: THIS MEETING IS OPTIONAL Heritage Board Room Location: During this time frame: NOTE: The speakers will be Rep. Trent Lott and Rep. Carroll Campbell. (SC) 4:05pm DEPART Opryland Hotel for Nashville Airport During this time frame: NOTE: Rep. Jack Kemp and a group of panelists will have the closing session of the Conference from 4-5pm 615/361-1197 4:20pm ARRIVE Nashville Airport and proceed to departing plane HCA Hangar 10

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Seats:

Manifest:

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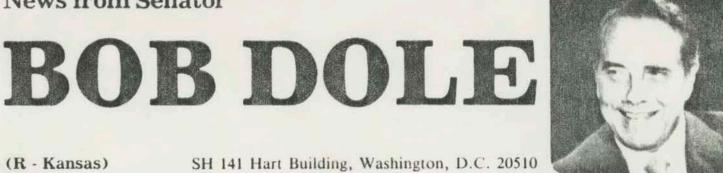
7:15pm ARRIVE Butler Aviation +1hr Met by: Wilbert

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7:35pm ARRIVE residence

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IN FACT, THE PRESIDENT'S 100-MILLION DOLLAR REQUEST IS ON THE MARK. BUT WHAT ARE THESE GOALS OF OURS THAT THE LIBERALS FIND SO UNREASONABLE? WE WANT THE SANDINISTAS TO MEET THE COMMITMENT THEY MADE TO THE 'ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES' WHEN THEY TOOK POWER -- TO ALLOW THEIR OWN PEOPLE TO LIVE IN FREEDOM. AND WE WANT THEM TO QUIT TURNING THEIR COUNTRY INTO A BEACH-HEAD FOR SOVIET AND CUBAN FORCES IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

SO HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO ON CONTRA AID? IT'S GOING TO BE A TOUGH FIGHT, BUT I'M HOPEFUL WE HAVE A REAL CHANCE TO PASS A PACKAGE THAT PROTECTS OUR NATIONAL INTEREST IN CENTRAL AMERICA. PHILIPPINES

MEANWHILE, ONE OF OUR OLDEST ALLIES, THE PHILIPPINES, IS STRUGGLING TO COME BACK FROM A WRENCHING CRISIS. NO DOUBT A PAGE HAS BEEN TURNED IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY, AND IT'S TIME TO LOOK AHEAD -- BUT NOT, NECESSARILY, TO RUSH AHEAD. CORAZON AQUINO HAS OUR ADMIRATION AND RESPECT.

BUT SHE HAS MANY CHALLENGES AHEAD AND MANY QUESTIONS TO ANSWER. I MADE THAT POINT WHEN I MET FRIDAY WITH ONE OF HER CLOSEST ASSOCIATES, HER BROTHER-IN-LAW PAUL AQUINO. SHE HAS LOTS OF OUTSTANDING PEOPLE AROUND HER. BUT SHE ALSO HAS SOME ELEMENTS ON WHOSE SUPPORT SHE RELIED WHOSE RHETORIC IS DISTURBING. AND SOME OF HER OWN COMMENTS EARLY IN THE CAMPAIGN, EVEN THOUGH LARGELY DISAVOWED LATER, ARE STILL CAUSE FOR SOME CONCERN. ONE MESSAGE I ASKED PAUL AQUINO TO CONVEY TO HIS

SISTER-IN-LAW IS THAT WE NEED SOME REASSURANCE OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMITMENT TO HONOR OUR MILITARY BASE TREATY. OUR AIR FORCE AND NAVAL FACILITIES ON THE ISLANDS, WHICH ARE GUARANTEED UNDER THE TREATY UNTIL AT LEAST 1991, ARE PILLARS OF STABILITY IN THE PACIFIC. WITH THE SOVIET UNION BECOMING MORE OF A MENACE IN THE FAR EAST, IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT OUR PHILIPPINE BASES HAVE A STABLE HOME IN THE PACIFIC.

I ALSO WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I PRESSED MR. AQUINO HARD ON THE NEED TO KEEP UP THE PRESSURE ON THE COMMUNIST INSURGENCY. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT HER ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO RELEASE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, INCLUDING SOME LEADERS OF THE COMMUNIST INSURGENCY. HOW SHE DEALS WITH THE HARD-CORE ELEMENT WILL BE AN EARLY TEST OF THE ABILITY OF HER ADMINISTRATION TO CONTAIN AND ELIMINATE THE INSURGENCY.

AMERICA IS READY TO RESPOND

THE LIST COULD GO ON AND ON -- AFGHANISTAN, KAMPUCHEA, TERRORISM. THE CHALLENGES ARE THERE, AND THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GO AWAY.

IN MOSCOW, MR. GORBACHEV IS CONDUCTING THAT FINELY TUNED CHORUS OF "YES-MEN" WHO ARE DELEGATES TO THE 27TH COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS. THE TALK THERE IS OF ARMS CONTROL, AND SETTLING REGIONAL CONFLICTS, AND REFORM AT HOME. AND GORBACHEV'S NEW LEGIONS OF FANS AT HOME, AND AROUND THE WORLD ARE...NOT SURPRISINGLY... LAPPING IT UP. - 4 -

BUT THE REALITY OUTSIDE THE KREMLIN WALLS HASN'T CHANGED A BIT. IT'S A REALITY OF OPPRESSION AT HOME; AGGRESSION AGAINST THE FREE WORLD; AND SUPPORT FOR SUBVERSION AND TERRORISM AROUND THE GLOBE.

THOSE ARE THE CHALLENGES TO US IN THE CONGRESS, TO ALL WHO PROFESS TO BE SUPPORTERS OF FREEDOM. AND THE RESPONSE IS UP TO US, TOO. I'M READY TO MEET MY RESPONSIBILITIES, AND I KNOW YOU ARE, TOO.