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To: Sen. Dole  
From: Jake  
Re: Nat. Fed. of Republican Women Address (May 22)  
Da: 17 May 89

BACKGROUND

The event is a luncheon/political briefing for the National Federation of Republican Women "Regents." Regents are high-dollar donors -- politically active and influential. You will be seated with Judy Hughs, President of the National Federation. Judy will also introduce you.

You speak first, at approximately 2:50 p.m. Total time is 10 to 15 minutes. You may open it up to questions if you wish. You will be followed by Ed Rollins, Jean Kirkpatrick, Dave Carney, Judy Kilberg and Susan Engeleiter. Because this group will get a good dose of party politics from Rollins and Carney, the Federation suggests you focus more on issues than party politics. This is not iron clad, however. Certainly, you can raise any issue you want. Walt and I have prepared a brief introduction and some talking points focusing on domestic issues.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

NFRW is the largest women's political organization in the country, with 140,000 members in 2,600 clubs throughout the 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. It was founded in 1938 and concentrates on grassroots efforts.

NFRW operates Campaign Management Schools throughout the country; Caring for America, a community service/volunteer program; Women Candidates Seminar, to train Republican women thinking of running for office; and numerous other programs.

## THE BUDGET DEFICIT

- o THE BIGGEST PROBLEM WE FACE TODAY -- NO DOUBT -- IS THE BUDGET DEFICIT.
  
- o WE ALL KNOW THE BENEFITS OF REDUCING THE BUDGET DEFICIT. INTEREST RATES WOULD DROP -- OUR TRADE DEFICIT WOULD GO DOWN -- AND MORE MONEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT.

- o THE DEFICIT IS A STRAIGHT JACKET . IT BINDS US --  
KEEP US FROM SUPPORTING WORTHY NEW  
INITIATIVES AND HELPING DESERVING EXISTING  
PROGRAMS. IT PUSHES US TOWARD  
SELF-FINANCING MECHANISMS FOR DOMESTIC  
PROGRAMS.

## THE BUDGET RESOLUTION

- o THE 1990 BUDGET RESOLUTION -- THE RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT -- LETS US MUDDLE THROUGH ONE YEAR. IT MEETS THE GRAMM-RUDMAN DEFICIT TARGET...BUT NOT MUCH MORE. THE REAL WORK CAN AND MUST BE DONE IN 1991.



- o THE ONE POSITIVE THING TO COME OUT OF THE BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT IS THAT NEGOTIATORS DECIDED TO BEGIN TALKS ON THE 1991 BUDGET RIGHT AFTER THEY FINISH WORK ON THE 1990 BUDGET. I BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL WE DO JUST THAT.

## THE SPENDING FREEZE

- o IT'S TOO BAD PRESIDENT BUSH DIDN'T STICK WITH HIS FLEXIBLE FREEZE PROPOSAL. FOR SOME IN WASHINGTON A FREEZE IS A RADICAL CONCEPT. A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE THINK FEDERAL PROGRAMS SHOULD GROW WITH INFLATION, WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR IT. THE LAST TIME I CHECKED...NO ONE HAD WRITTEN A RULE SAYING GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS SHOULD NEVER BE SHRUNK OR ELIMINATED.

- o WITH THIS THINKING WE'VE SEEN A LOT OF PROGRAMS LIKE SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE DO PRETTY WELL. THEY'VE BEEN GETTING HEALTHY INCREASES FOR INFLATION EACH YEAR. BUT AS OLDER AMERICANS BECOME BETTER OFF THEIR CHILDREN FALL FARTHER BEHIND -- UNABLE TO AFFORD THEIR FIRST HOME BECAUSE OF HIGH TAXES AND INTEREST RATES. MAYBE IT'S TIME TO RETHINK OUR PRIORITIES.

## BUDGET REFORM

- o THE BUDGET PROCESS NEEDS A LONG-TERM FIX.  
WE NEED A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO  
THE CONSTITUTION AND LEGISLATION TO ENHANCE  
THE PRESIDENT'S ABILITY TO CUT PORK BARREL  
SPENDING. I'VE INTRODUCED BILLS TO  
ACCOMPLISH BOTH OF THOSE THINGS.



- o THE PRESIDENT NEEDS A LINE ITEM VETO SO HE CAN SLICE AWAY AT WASTEFUL SPENDING. BUT I HAVEN'T SPONSORED LEGISLATION TO GIVE THE PRESIDENT THE LINE ITEM VETO BECAUSE I BELIEVE ARTICLE 1, SECTION 7, CLAUSE 8 OF THE CONSTITUTION MAY ALREADY GIVE THE PRESIDENT THE POWER TO VETO LINE ITEMS.

- o THE PRESIDENT SHOULD TEST THIS POWER. I'VE  
TOLD THE PRESIDENT HE SHOULD USE THE LINE  
ITEM VETO ON THE FIRST PORK-LOADED BILL THE  
CONGRESS SENDS HIM...AND THEN LET THE  
COURTS DECIDE.

## CHILD CARE

- o CHILD CARE IS NOT A PARTISAN ISSUE -- IT'S A FAMILY ISSUE. THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENT IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO DEAL WITH CHILD CARE -- AND A LOT OF DIFFERENT BILLS INCORPORATING THOSE IDEAS.

- o THE FACT IS, WE'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT -- IN A RESPONSIBLE WAY AND AN AFFORDABLE WAY. I THINK PRESIDENT BUSH'S APPROACH DOES JUST THAT.
  
- o THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN -- WHICH EMPHASIZES CHOICE -- IS A CONSTRUCTIVE AND RESPONSIBLE APPROACH. IT'LL PROVIDE A NEW REFUNDABLE CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES IN WHICH ONE PARENT WORKS.



- o THE CREDIT WOULD BE PROVIDED IN ADDITION TO THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT -- AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE AS A PAYMENT ADDED TO PARENTS' PAY CHECKS.
  
- o AT THE START...TWO-POINT-FIVE MILLION FAMILIES WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CREDIT. WHEN FULLY IMPLEMENTED...THREE-POINT-FIVE MILLION WOULD BE ELIGIBLE.

- o THE OTHER APPROACH TO CHILD CARE -- THE ABC BILL -- REPLACES PARENTS WITH BUREAUCRATS. IT PROPOSES TO CREATE A COMPLEX WEB OF BUREAUCRACIES IN ORDER TO PROLIFERATE REGULATIONS AND POLICE CHILD CARE PROVIDERS -- INCLUDING FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDERS.
- o THIS NEW PACK OF REGULATIONS WOULD ESCALATE THE COSTS OF DAY CARE AND DRIVE SMALL FAMILY PROVIDERS OUT OF THE MARKET.

- o THE ABC BILL DISCRIMINATES AGAINST CHURCHES THAT PROVIDE CHILD CARE. PARENTS WHO WANT THEIR CHILDREN CARED FOR IN A RELIGIOUS ENVIRONMENT WOULDN'T SEE ANY BENEFIT FROM THE ABC BILL. WHAT'S MORE...FAMILY PROVIDERS WITH RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS WOULD BE FORCED TO SUPPRESS ALL EXPRESSION OF THESE CONVICTIONS OR CEASE PROVIDING LICENSED CARE.

- o THERE'S NO REASON WHY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE TELLING STATES, LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND PARENTS HOW THEY SHOULD BE CARING FOR THEIR CHILDREN.
  
- o THAT'S NOT TO SAY THERE ARE NO SAFETY PROBLEMS TO BE ADDRESSED. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE STATES THAT DON'T HAVE MINIMAL LICENSING STANDARDS MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION.



- o THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR STATES TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION -- BUT THAT ROLE IS NOT TO DICTATE TO STATES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES.
- o IN THE CASE OF CHILD CARE...THE "WASHINGTON ALWAYS KNOWS BEST" ANSWER IS SIMPLY THE WRONG ANSWER.
- o THAT IS WHY THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN IS A BIG STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. IT ALLOWS STATE AND LOCAL FLEXIBILITY.

- o WHEN THE YEAR IS COMPLETED...I THINK WE WILL  
HAVE A CHILD CARE PROPOSAL. WHAT'S  
IMPORTANT IS MAKING SURE THE HELP GOES TO  
THE PARENTS AND CHILDREN...NOT THE  
BUREAUCRATS.

CRIME

- o LAST WEEK THE PRESIDENT INTRODUCED A TOUGH  
NEW CRIME PACKAGE -- AND THE TIME IS JUST  
RIGHT.

- o AMERICANS ARE MORE CONCERNED THAN EVER ABOUT VIOLENT CRIME. FROM THE REPORTS OF RANDOM VIOLENT ATTACKS IN CENTRAL PARK TO THE GUN BATTLES ON THE STREETS OF OUR NATION'S CAPITAL TO THE REPORTS IN THEIR OWN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS...AMERICANS WANT SOMETHING DONE.



- o AMERICANS WANT OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO HAVE THE TOOLS AND RESOURCES NEEDED TO ENFORCE THE LAWS AND CHANGE A CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT PUTS TOO MANY CRIMINALS BACK ON THE STREETS WAY TOO SOON.
- o THE PRESIDENT PROPOSES A FOUR-FOLD PLAN...WHICH I HOPE TO HELP MOVE THROUGH THE CONGRESS.

- o FIRST -- WE WILL STRENGTHEN CURRENT LAWS TO MAKE SURE THOSE WHO COMMIT VIOLENT CRIMES PAY FOR THEIR CRIMES. WE WANT TO CLOSE THE GAPS IN LAWS THAT ALLOW SO MANY CRIMINALS TO SLIP THROUGH UNSCATHED.

- o THAT INCLUDES CHANGING THE PLEA BARGAINING SYSTEM -- WHERE TOO MANY CRIMINALS TRADE GUILTY PLEAS FOR LITTLE OR NO TIME SERVED..TO RESTORING AN ENFORCEABLE DEATH PENALTY FOR THE ARMED DRUG GANG-MEMBER...TERRORIST...TRAITOR OR ASSASSIN WHO TAKES AN INNOCENT LIFE.
- o WE WILL WORK TO IMPROVE WAYS OF IDENTIFYING CRIMINALS WHO TRY TO BUY FIREARMS.

- o THE PRESIDENT HAS PROPOSED AND I WILL WORK  
FOR ELIMINATING LOOPHOLES IN FIREARMS  
TRANSFER LAWS SO THAT UNLICENSED GUN  
DEALERS TRADING IN ILLEGAL WEAPONS ARE  
BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.



- o SECOND -- WE WILL BEEF UP LAW ENFORCEMENT BY ADDING MORE ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS SPECIAL AGENTS; MORE U.S. MARSHALS; MORE FBI AGENTS; AND REFORMING THE EXCLUSIONARY RULE BY ESTABLISHING A "GOOD FAITH" EXCEPTION. THAT WILL PREVENT COURTS FROM THROWING OUT IMPORTANT EVIDENCE BECAUSE OF A "TECHNICALITY."

- o THIRD -- WE HOPE TO SHARPEN PROSECUTION. BY  
ADDING MORE U.S. ATTORNEYS; JUSTICE  
DEPARTMENT ATTORNEYS; AND INCREASING  
HOUSING FOR PRE-TRIAL DETAINEES.
- o FOURTH -- WE MUST EXPAND PRISON CAPACITY.  
PRISONS THAT ARE BURSTING AT THE BARS FORCE  
SHORTER SENTENCES AND THE EARLY RELEASE OF  
CONVICTED CRIMINALS.

- o WE WANT TO INCREASE FEDERAL PRISON CAPACITY  
BY 85-PERCENT AND ENCOURAGE STATE PRISON  
CONSTRUCTION.



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BEIJING "CHEAP SHOTS" FROM CAPITOL HILL;  
BUSH FOREIGN POLICY CRITICS CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS:  
"FREEDOM JUST AS PRECIOUS IN NICARAGUA AS IT IS IN CHINA".  
DOLE SAYS BUSH BATTING 1.000 ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON -- TELLING LIBERAL DEMOCRATS "YOU CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS", SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE TODAY ACCUSED CONGRESSIONAL CRITICS OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S FOREIGN POLICY OF "HYPOCRISY" WHEN IT COMES TO "SUPPORTING FREEDOM IN BEIJING BUT TURNING A COLD SHOULDER ON THE STRUGGLE IN NICARAGUA."

"PRESIDENT BUSH IS BATTING A THOUSAND ON THE MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY CHALLENGES OF HIS FIRST FOUR MONTHS IN OFFICE," DOLE SAID "I WISH THE PRESIDENT'S CRITICS WERE AS SENSIBLE AND CONSISTENT AS HE HAS BEEN, IN DEFENSE OF BOTH FREEDOM AND AMERICA'S OWN SECURITY INTERESTS."

"Happily, most of the Congress has supported the President, most of the time. But there are always a few who can't avoid taking pot-shots -- cheap shots -- from the sidelines. They want the President to speak out on behalf of demonstrating students in Beijing, but are themselves silent at the repression of democratic expression in Nicaragua. They rail against a rigged election in Panama, but are silent about a sham election law in Nicaragua. They leap to the bait of every Soviet arms control gambit or grudging political reform, demanding that we respond though new concessions contrary to our own interest or negotiating sense; but don't even stand behind the President in our internal negotiations with our NATO allies.

"President Bush has shown a firm and steady hand in dealing with crises from Panama to China, and is taking an informed, common-sense approach to relations with the Soviet Union," Dole said. "In each case, the President has put us on the right side -- the side of freedom. And he's done it in a way that also enhances our broader security interests."

"On China, the President said the students' goals are right, but -- recognizing that chaos in Beijing would serve neither the students' interests nor ours -- he's also urged that they go about their demonstrations responsibly and peacefully.

"President Bush sent a clear message to Noriega that we'll settle for nothing less than democracy in Panama, and he's working on a bipartisan basis with Congress to develop a sharply focused effort to achieve that goal.

"The bottom line, though," Dole concluded, "is that the American people elected George Bush -- and not these critics -- to run our foreign policy. He deserves support, not partisan criticism. For the interest of the nation, I hope he will have it."

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