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April 28, 1992

Senator Bob Dole Attention: Yvonne Hopkins Senate Minority Leader The Capitol Room 230 Washington DC

Dear Senator Dole:

The Young Presidents' Organization and World Presidents' Organization are greatly pleased that you have accepted our invitation to participate with us in our seminar entitled <u>Public Policy and the Private Sector</u> scheduled for May 10 - 13, 1992 in Washington DC. We have scheduled you for <u>Tuesday</u>, May 12, 1992 at 9:30 a.m. at the Hart building, room 902.

Our format will be comments from you for approximately 15 - 20 minutes in length with 20 minutes of Q & A. We would like to have as much dialogue as possible with our speakers, therefore, we will be ready to ask questions and to interact with you as you wish.

Once again, our thanks to you for joining us during this important seminar. You will add measurably to the program which we have scheduled. We will provide your staff with additional information regarding other speakers and time frames, should you desire.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, May 12, 1992.

Sincerely,

Warren S. Rustand Chairman, YPO

Washington DC Seminar

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TO: Senator Dole

FR: Kerry

RE: YPO/WPO Conference



*You have spoken to this group before. The YPO is a group of business CEO's who are under fifty years of age. When they hit 50, they become members of WPO.

*They have asked you to speak for 10-15 minutes or so, and then respond to questions.

*Kathy and I have put together some talking points focusing on the deficit.

SENATOR BOB DOLE
TALKING POINTS
YPO/WPO SEMINAR
MAY 12, 1992

*THANK YOU. AS ALWAYS,
IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO SPEAK TO
MEMBERS OF THE YOUNG
PRESIDENTS' ORGANIZATION
AND THE WORLD PRESIDENTS'
ORGANIZATION.

*I UNDERSTAND THAT COMBINED REVENUE OF THE 9,000 MEMBERS OF YOUR TWO ORGANIZATIONS WOULD RANK AS THE 6TH LARGEST ECONOMY IN THE WORLD--I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT BELOW ROSS PEROT IN THE RANKINGS.

*SPEAKING OF ROSS PEROT,
HAVE YOU ALL HEARD ABOUT

HIS NEW 1-800 NUMBER? YOU CALL IT UP, AND HE GIVES YOU \$100.

*BEFORE I BEGIN MY

REMARKS, I DO WANT TO PUT IN

A LITTLE COMMERCIAL

MESSAGE. I KNOW THAT THE

YPO IS FOR THOSE WHO ARE

UNDER 50, AND THE WPO IS FOR

THOSE WHO ARE OVER 50--

WHATEVER YOUR AGE, EACH OF
YOU SHOULD BE THINKING
ABOUT AN ANNUAL PROSTATE
SCREENING....

*I'VE BEEN ASKED THIS

MORNING TO SPEAK FOR JUST A

FEW MINUTES ON PUBLIC

POLICY, AND THEN I'LL BE

HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR

QUESTIONS.

*I DO WANT TO SHARE A FEW THOUGHTS ON WHAT I THINK IS THE NUMBER ONE PUBLIC POLICY ISSUE FACING AMERICA--THE FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICIT. *FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, THE PROJECTED DEFICIT IS \$400 BILLION. *IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING

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THAT IF ANY OF YOU HAD RUN

UP DEFICITS OF HALF A BILLION--LET ALONE 400 BILLION--YOU'D FIND YOURSELF OUT OF A JOB. *AND THE NEWS GETS WORSE. THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST YEAR EVER, GROSS INTEREST ON THE NATIONAL **DEBT--WHICH IS NOW OVER \$4** TRILLION--WILL EXCEED THE

AMOUNT SPENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY.

*THIS YEAR, GROSS INTEREST **WILL ONLY BE ABOUT \$1 BILLION LESS THAN DEFENSE** DEPARTMENT OUTLAYS, AND NEXT YEAR, IT WILL BE HIGHER. *NOW, WHEN YOUR BUSINESS IS SPENDING MORE THAN YOU TAKE IN, YOU SIMPLY CUT

SPENDING--WELL, AROUND
HERE, THAT'S EASIER SAID THAN
DONE.

*IT'S ALWAYS BEEN

FASHIONABLE TO SAY THAT YOU

CAN SAVE BILLIONS BY CUTTING

SO-CALLED "WASTEFUL

SPENDING"--THAT'S ONE OF

ROSS PEROT'S TARGETS RIGHT

NOW.

*AND, IT'S ESPECIALLY

FASHIONABLE THIS YEAR TO

ADVOCATE CUTTING FOREIGN

AID.

*LET ME SHOW YOU THE

SCOPE OF OUR PROBLEM--IF WE

WERE TO ELIMINATE ALL

DOMESTIC DISCRETIONARY

SPENDING--NOT JUST WASTEFUL

SPENDING, BUT ALL OF IT....AND

IF WE WERE TO ELIMINATE ALL FOREIGN AID THIS FISCAL YEAR, WE'D STILL BE LEFT WITH A **DEFICIT OF \$150 BILLION.** *THE REAL PROBLEM ARE **ENTITLEMENTS--MEDICARE,** MEDICAID, AND THE REST. AND IT'S TOUGH FOR MY **COLLEAGUES TO TALK ABOUT** ENTITLEMENT, FOR THE SIMPLE

REASON THAT THEY FEAR LOSING THEIR JOBS.

*THE FACT IS, HOWEVER,
THAT, SINCE 1980, THE ANNUAL
RATE OF GROWTH IN THE
MEDICARE PROGRAM HAS
EXCEEDED 11%.

*MEDICAID HAS GROWN OVER

15% ANNUALLY IN THE SAME

TIME PERIOD--AND WILL GROW

38.1% IN FISCAL 1992.

*AND OTHER ENTITLEMENT
PROGRAMS ALSO GREW BY
AMOUNTS EXCEEDING THE
INFLATION RATE AND THE
GROWTH IN FEDERAL
REVENUES.

*BY 1997 THE SHARE OF THE
FEDERAL BUDGET CONSUMED
BY DIRECT PAYMENT TO

INDIVIDUALS--SOCIAL SECURITY,
MEDICARE, FEDERAL AND
VETERANS PENSIONS WILL BE
OVER 60%.

*IN THE NEXT FIVE YEAR,

ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS ARE

PROJECTED TO GROW BY 8.1%

ANNUALLY FOR A FIVE YEAR

CUMULATIVE INCREASE OF \$800

BILLION.

*THE MEDIA, THE PUBLIC, AND **CONGRESS, HAVE BEEN IGNORING THIS \$800 BILLION** FIGURE, HOWEVER, TO FOCUS ON HOW WE CAN SAVE \$50 OR \$100 BILLION BY CUTTING DEFENSE OR FOREIGN AID. *AND THEN THERE ARE OF THOSE, OF COURSE, WHO WANT

TO TAKE ANY CUTS WE DO

MAKE, AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO SPEND THEM SOMEWHERE ELSE.

*I THINK AMERICAN PUBLIC IS
LOOKING FOR HONEST TALK
THIS YEAR, AND I HOPE--BUT
DON'T EXPECT THAT THE
PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN MIGHT
PROVIDE SOME.

*I'VE BEEN VERY VOCAL IN TALKING OF A FLEXIBLE FREEZE, AND OF MEANS TESTING...BUT THOSE ARE PRETTY UNPOPULAR, POLITICALLY. *THE DEMOCRATS REFUSED TO EVEN ALLOW US A SIMPLE UP OR DOWN VOTE ON A PROPOSAL TO RESTRAIN THE

GROWTH OF ENTITLEMENTS TO INFLATION PLUS 2%.

*INSTEAD, THEIR STRATEGY
WAS TO DEMAND VOTES ON
EXEMPTING THE MOST
SENSITIVE PROGRMS WITH THE
FREEZE--BEGINNING WITH
DISABLED VETERANS.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE LOST--OR RATHER, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE *YOU'RE ALL VERY

SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS

LEADERS...SO IF YOU HAVE ANY

OTHER ADVICE ON HOW WE CAN

REDUCE THE DEFICIT, I'M ALL

EARS.

*HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR
QUESTIONS, OR YOUR
SUGGESTIONS.