

## October 23, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

FROM: D. Jeffrey Hollingsworth, Executive Director

Thank you for agreeing to participate in tomorrow night's ACU 30th Anniversary/1995 Presidential Forum Dinner. All of us are looking forward to an enjoyable and historic evening.

Please be advised that a joint photo opportunity for the national news media will take place precisely at 7:00 PM tomorrow evening. At approximately 6:55 PM, ACU Finance Director Tish Leonard will escort you, together with ACU Chairman David Keene and Master of Ceremonies Edwin Feulner, President of the Heritage Foundation, from the reception in the Diplomat Room through the kitchen to the ballroom for the photos.

Following the photos, the candidates should proceed to their respective tables for dinner.

Mr. Feulner will conduct a very brief opening along with introductions of the candidates. He will suggest two or three broad questions which are of interest or concern to conservatives. Each candidate will have approximately 9 minutes for a presentation, during which you may address any subject you wish or may choose to address the topics raised by Mr. Feulner.

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October 20, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR:

## PARTICIPANTS IN ACU PRESIDENTIAL FORUM

FORMAT FOR TUESDAY FORUM

SUBJECT:

DAVE MASON, VP, HERITAGE FOUNDATION

FROM:

This is to inform you of the format and questions for Tuesday evening's ACU Presidential Forum.

There will be a group introduction and photo opportunity for the eight candidates who have accepted in the ballroom at 7:00 p.m. sharp.

Candidates will be seated at assigned places in the ballroom (not at a head table) for dinner. Program preliminaries will be conducted during dinner.

The forum portion of the program will begin at 7:45, with all candidates on the dais. Heritage Foundation President Ed Feulner will moderate this portion of the program, introducing each candidate in turn. In a format similar to the New Hampshire forum, each candidate will be recognized for a two minute opening statement, responses to three questions (one and a half minutes each), and a two minute closing statement. Each candidate will be asked the same three questions:

What is the most serious policy failure of the Clinton Administration, and what would Bosnie/ you have done differently? ) Ronald Reagan brought down the Soviet Empite without firing a shot. As president, Drugs

what would you like history to remember you for? -> helany the hudget, A values question (Exact wording will be provided Monday).

There will be a brief additional program following the presidential forum.

If you have questions about the format for the forum portion of the program, contact Dave Mason at The Heritage Foundation (202) 608-6060 (voice) or (202) 675-1778 (fax).

If you have questions about any other aspect of the event, contact Tish Leonard at ACU (703) 836-8602 (voice) or (703) 836-8606 (fax).

Please fax a copy of your candidate biography by 5:00 today (Friday) to Dave Mason at 202-675-1778. This will also serve to confirm your receipt of this fax.

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THANK YOU, ED. IT WAS 31 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK WHEN RONALD **REAGAN--THEN A PRIVATE CITIZEN--**DELIVERED A NATIONALLY TELEVISED SPEECH ON BEHALF OF BARRY **GOLDWATER--A SPEECH THAT MANY** MARK AS THE BEGINNING OF THE MODERN CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT. THE SPEECH WAS CALLED "A TIME FOR CHOOSING."

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AND NOW AMERICA HAS REACHED ANOTHER TIME FOR CHOOSING. NEXT **NOVEMBER, AMERICA WILL CHOOSE** BETWEEN A PRESIDENT WHO FIGHTS FOR THE STATUS QUO, AND A **REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE WHO WILL** SEEK TO BRING FUNDAMENTAL CONSERVATIVE CHANGE TO AMERICA. BUT BEFORE I SPEAK ABOUT **NOVEMBER 1996, LET ME SPEAK ABOUT OCTOBER, 1995--BECAUSE CONGRESS IS NOW FACING ANOTHER** 

## "TIME FOR CHOOSING."

THE LEGISLATION WE BEGIN **DEBATE ON TOMORROW MARKS NOTHING LESS THAN A SEA CHANGE** IN THE ROLE OF THE FEDERAL **GOVERNMENT, THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS HERE IN WASHINGTON, AND** THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY. AND **AMERICANS HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW** WHERE EVERY PRESIDENTIAL **CANDIDATE STANDS ON THIS** LEGISLATION.

SPEAKER GINGRICH AND I ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON. BUT, UNLIKE THE PRESIDENT, WE ARE NOT WILLING TO GO BACK ON OUR PROMISE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

WE PROMISED TO PUT AMERICA ON A PATH TO A BALANCED BUDGET. AND WE WILL.

WE PROMISED TO GIVE AMERICAN FAMILIES A MUCH NEEDED TAX CUT. AND WE WILL.

WE PROMISED TO REPLACE OUR FAILED WELFARE SYSTEM WITH ONE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF WORK, FAMILY, AND PERSONAL **RESPONSIBILITY. AND WE WILL.** AND FROM THE DAY THE MEDICARE TRUSTEES TOLD US THAT MEDICARE WOULD GO BANKRUPT IN SEVEN YEARS, WE PROMISED TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND STRENGTHEN MEDICARE, AND WE WILL.

YOU'VE HEARD WHAT THE PRESIDENT AND HIS LIBERAL ALLIES HAVE TO SAY. THEY CONTINUE TO SOUND THE CALL OF CLASS WARFARE. THEY CONTINUE TO SCARE SENIOR CITIZENS. THEY CONTINUE TO SACRIFICE OUR CHILDREN'S **TOMORROWS FOR THE POLITICAL OPINION POLLS OF TODAY.** LET ME TURN NOW TO 1996. AND I WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW PRESIDENT REAGAN'S 11TH

COMMANDMENT. MY GOAL IS TO DEFEAT BILL CLINTON, NOT TO CRITICIZE OTHER REPUBLICANS.

AND IN THE END, THIS ELECTION ISN'T ABOUT BOB DOLE OR PHIL GRAMM OR PAT BUCHANAN OR BILL CLINTON. IT'S ABOUT AMERICA. IT'S ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY, AND THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

LAST YEAR'S ELECTION WAS LIKE THE ARRIVAL OF THE CALVARY. THOSE OF US WHO HAD BEEN FIGHTING IN THE TRENCHES FOR YEARS COULD FINALLY TAKE THE OFFENSIVE.

BUT THERE ARE LIMITS TO WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH WITHOUT A PRESIDENT WHO SHARES OUR GOALS. THE OCCUPANT OF THAT OFFICE WILL DETERMINE IF OUR REVOLUTIONS COMPLETED OR REPEALED.

THE STAKES COULD HARDLY BE HIGHER.

AND THE CONTRAST COULD NOT BE MORE CLEAR.

AT THE VERY MOMENT WHEN NATIONS AROUND THE WORLD HAVE **REDISCOVERED THE PROMISE OF** CAPITALISM AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS TURNED HIS BACK ON IT. **RATHER THAN EXPAND INCENTIVES** FOR AMERICA'S RISK TAKERS AND ENTREPRENEURS, PRESIDENT CLINTON IMPOSED THE LARGEST TAX INCREASE IN AMERICAN HISTORY -- AND HE IMPOSED IT RETROACTIVELY. HE REFUSED TO LIFT A FINGER WHEN JUST ONE MORE VOTE IN THE SENATE WOULD HAVE GIVEN AMERICA A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT. HE BITTERLY OPPOSES OUR **EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE REGULATORY BURDEN ON PRIVATE** ENTERPRISE.

HE FIGHTS EVERY EFFORT TO CUT GOVERNMENT SPENDING. IN FACT, ON EVERY KEY ISSUE, HIS SOLUTION ISN'T LESS GOVERNMENT, BUT MORE GOVERNMENT. BIGGER GOVERNMENT. MORE MEDDLESOME GOVERNMENT. AND LAST NOVEMBER, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TOLD THEM HOW WRONG THEY WERE. AS A RESULT. WE NOW STAND ON THE EDGE OF A NEW CONSERVATIVE ERA. AN ERA IN WHICH EVERY ELECTED BRANCH OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL SOON REFLECT OUR AGENDA.

INDEED, WE NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY GIVEN TO FEW GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS: TO RESHAPE AMERICAN POLITICS, NOT IN OUR OWN IMAGE, BUT IN THE IMAGE OF OUR NATION'S FOUNDERS.

RONALD REAGAN IS JUSTLY REMEMBERED FOR HELPING BRING DEMOCRACY TO CAPITAL CITIES ACROSS THE WORLD.

I WANT TO BE REMEMBERED AS THE PRESIDENT WHO BROUGHT CONSERVATIVE COMMON SENSE BACK TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND OUR CAPITAL.

HOW? BY BEING THE PRESIDENT WHO ACTUALLY SHUTS DOWN CABINET DEPARTMENTS. I HAVE PROPOSED ELIMINATING THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION, COMMERCE, HUD, AND ENERGY. AS PRESIDENT, I WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN. I ALSO WANT TO BE REMEMBERED AS THE FIRST PRESIDENT IN MORE

**THAN 40 YEARS TO ACTUALLY** PRESIDE OVER A FEDERAL **GOVERNMENT WITHOUT A BUDGET** DEFICIT. AS THE NEW REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT, I WILL KEEP AMERICA ON TRACK TO A BALANCED BUDGET BY THE YEAR 2002--THAT WILL BE MID-WAY THROUGH MY SECOND TERM. I WANT TO BE REMEMBERED AS THE PRESIDENT WHO HAD THE GUTS TO **CONFRONT AMERICA'S EPIDEMIC OF** VIOLENCE. WE MUST ABOLISH

**PAROLE FOR VIOLENT CRIMINALS--A 20** YEAR SENTENCE SHOULD MEAN 20 YEARS. WE MUST PROSECUTE VIOLENT JUVENILES AS ADULTS. WE MUST STOP THE ABUSE OF THE APPEALS PROCESS BY CONVICTED CRIMINALS. AND PRESIDENT DOLE WILL APPOINT JUDGES WHO WILL **REMAIN TRUE TO THE CONSTITUTION--**AND NOT REWRITE IT.

I WANT TO BE REMEMBERED AS THE PRESIDENT WHO TRULY **REVOLUTIONIZED OUR TAX SYSTEM.** AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, I DELIVERED THE BIGGEST TAX CUT IN HISTORY. AND AS PRESIDENT, I WILL DELIVER THE **BIGGEST TAX REFORM IN HISTORY.** I WANT TO BE REMEMBERED AS THE PRESIDENT WHO RECONNECTED WASHINGTON WITH THE COMMON SENSE VALUES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

AMERICANS BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD BE JUDGED BY THE CONTENT OF OUR CHARACTER, AND NOT BY THE COLOR OF OUR SKIN.

ALL WE HEAR FROM THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, HOWEVER, IS A DEFENSE OF THE STATUS QUO.

I HAVE ALREADY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROHIBIT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FROM GRANTING PREFERENCES ON THE BASIS OF RACE OR GENDER, AND, AS PRESIDENT, I WILL ENSURE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GETS OUT OF THE PREFERENCE BUSINESS ALTOGETHER.

THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES THAT THE BEST WAY TO REFORM HOLLYWOOD IS TO ATTEND FUNDRAISERS WITH BARBRA STREISAND.

I HAVE ALREADY PROVEN THAT SHAME CAN BE A POWERFUL TOOL. MY SPEECH IN HOLLYWOOD HELPED TO IGNITE AN IMPORTANT NATIONAL DEBATE, AND HELPED PROMPT TIME WARNER TO SELL OFF ITS "SLEAZE **DIVISION**"--INTERSCOPE RECORDS. AND I WANT TO BE REMEMBERED AS THE PRESIDENT WHO RESTORED AMERICA TO HER PLACE IN THE SUN. FOR 12 YEARS, RONALD REAGAN AND GEORGE BUSH MADE AN INVESTMENT IN PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH. THEY REBUILT OUR

DEFENSES. THEY SPOKE OUT FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. THEY EARNED THE RESPECT OF OUR ALLIES AND ADVERSARIES, ALIKE.

THAT TWELVE YEAR INVESTMENT IN LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN SQUANDERED BY BILL CLINTON IN LESS THAN THREE YEARS.

TODAY, AMERICA'S PRESTIGE IS ON THE DECLINE. OUR WORD IS LESS RESPECTED, AND THE GOAL OF A SAFER, MORE DEMOCRATIC 21ST CENTURY IS IN DANGER OF SLIPPING AWAY.

AS PRESIDENT, I WILL NEVER ALLOW POLICIES THAT WOULD **DISMANTLE OUR DEFENSES OUR** HOLLOW OUT OUR MILITARY -- AND I WILL ENSURE THAT DECISIONS INVOLVING AMERICAN INTERESTS WILL **BE MADE BY AMERICA--AND NOT BY** BOUTROS BOUTROS GHALI AND THE UNITED NATIONS.

THIRTY YEARS OF WORK BY THE AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION HAVE PUT US AT THIS MOMENT. I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT, SO THAT WE CAN ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THIS REVOLUTION, AND BRING FUNDAMENTAL CONSERVATIVE CHANGE TO AMERICA.