- TO: Senator Dole FR: Kerry
- RE: Majority Trust Lunch

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SENATOR BOB DOLE MAJORITY TRUST MAY 1, 1996

THANK YOU. IT'S GREAT TO SEE ALL OF YOU HERE. FROM WHAT I'VE BEEN READING IN THE MEDIA LATELY, YOU'D THINK THAT DR. KEVORKIAN WAS THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE R.N.C.

I SEEM TO REMEMBER THEM READING THE LAST RITES TO OUR PARTY SOON AFTER BILL CLINTON'S VICTORY IN 1992.

THE WHITE HOUSE, THE HOUSE, THE SENATE, AND THE MAJORITY OF GOVERNOR'S SEATS WERE ALL IN HANDS OF THE DEMOCRATS. AND MANY IN THE MEDIA THOUGHT IT WAS TIME TO TURN OUT THE LIGHTS AT THE R.N.C.

WELL, INSTEAD OF TURNING OUT THE LIGHTS, WE TURNED OUT THE VOTES. AND IN NOVEMBER, 1994, AMERICANS REJECTED THE FAILED POLICIES OF BILL CLINTON, AND PUT REPUBLICANS IN CHARGE OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 40 YEARS, AND IN CHARGE OF 31 STATE CAPITALS.

HAVE WE DONE EVERYTHING PERFECTLY SINCE BECOMING THE MAJORITY PARTY? NO. BUT ARE WE MOVING AMERICA IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION--A DIRECTION OF LESS GOVERNMENT, LOWER TAXES, AND MORE FREEDOM? ABSOLUTELY.

AND THAT'S WHY, WITH YOUR **CONTINUED SUPPORT, AMERICANS** WILL RETURN A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY TO CAPITOL HILL. I'VE SPOKEN TO THIS GROUP MANY TIMES BEFORE. BUT, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SPOKEN TO YOU AS THE PRESUMPTIVE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE OF OUR PARTY. AND, **OBVIOUSLY, I'M DELIGHTED TO BE** HERE IN THAT ROLE.

AND, AGAIN, THE INSIDE-THE-BELTWAY PUNDITS ARE READY TO DECLARE THAT THE RACE IS OVER. THEY SAY THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE IS TOO CONSERVATIVE, OR TOO THIS, OR TOO THAT.

THEY SAY THAT A THIRD PARTY CANDIDATE WILL DRAW VOTES AWAY FROM THE REPUBLICAN.

THEY SAY THAT THERE IS NO WAY THE REPUBLICAN CAN BEAT THE ONE-TERM DEMOCRAT INCUMBENT--AN

INCUMBENT WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS GOVERNOR OF A SOUTHERN STATE.

AND WHEN THEY SAY ALL THIS, I REMEMBER 1980. BECAUSE THEY SAID EXACTLY THE SAME THINGS ABOUT RONALD REAGAN.

AND YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED IN 1980.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DIDN'T LISTEN TO THE MEDIA AND THE SO- CALLED EXPERTS. INSTEAD, THEY MADE UP THEIR OWN MIND.

AND COME ELECTION DAY, THEY PUT A COMMON-SENSE CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

AND I'M MORE CONVINCED THAN EVER BEFORE THAT COME NOVEMBER 1996, AMERICANS WILL DO EXACTLY THE SAME THING.

DON'T GET ME WRONG. I'M NOT TAKING ANYTHING FOR GRANTED. I'M

NOT STAYING UP AT NIGHT THINKING ABOUT MY INAUGURAL SPEECH. I DON'T UNDERESTIMATE BILL CLINTON'S ABILITIES AS A CAMPAIGNER. AND I DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HOW HARD THE PROPONENTS OF THE STATUS QUO WILL FIGHT TO KEEP THE **REFORM PARTY--WHICH IS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY--FROM GAINING** CONTROL OF BOTH ENDS OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.

BUT THERE'S A LONG WAY TO GO BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER. AND IN THAT TIME, OUR MISSION WILL BE MAKING VERY CLEAR THE CHOICE THAT AMERICA FACES BETWEEN BOB DOLE AND BILL CLINTON.

IT'S A CHOICE BETWEEN SOMEONE WHO LED CONGRESS TO PASS THE FIRST BALANCED BUDGET IN A QUARTER CENTURY, AND SOMEONE WHO VETOED THAT BUDGET.

IT'S A CHOICE BETWEEN SOMEONE WHO LED CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION ENDING WELFARE AS WE **KNOW IT, AND SOMEONE WHO** VETOED THAT LEGISLATION. IT'S A CHOICE BETWEEN SOMEONE WHO LED CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION PROVIDING TAX RELIEF FOR AMERICA'S FAMILIES AND SMALL **BUSINESSES, AND SOMEONE WHO IMPOSED UPON AMERICA THE** 

LARGEST TAX INCREASE IN WORLD HISTORY.

IT'S A CHOICE BETWEEN SOMEONE WHO LED CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION RESTORING COMMON SENSE TO OUR CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND SOMEONE WHO VETOED THAT BILL AT THE BEHEST OF THE AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION.

IT'S A CHOICE BETWEEN SOMEONE WHO WILL APPOINT NO-NONSENSE CONSERVATIVE JUDGES TO OUR COURTS, AND SOMEONE WHO HAS APPOINTED JUDGES WHO PLACE THE INTERESTS OF CRIMINALS OVER THOSE OF VICTIMS.

IT'S A CHOICE BETWEEN SOMEONE WHO LED CONGRESS IN PASSING LEGISLATION THAT WILL MAKE HEALTH CARE MORE AFFORDABLE AND MORE ACCESSIBLE TO MILLIONS OF AMERICANS, AND SOMEONE WHO **TRIED TO TURN YOUR HEALTH CARE** OVER TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. IT'S A CHOICE BETWEEN SOMEONE WHO WILL USE ALL THE TOOLS IN HIS POWER TO ENSURE THAT OTHER NATIONS UNDERSTAND THAT FAIR TRADE IS A TWO WAY STREET, AND SOMEONE WHO HAS PRESIDED OVER THE LARGEST TRADE DEFICITS IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

IT'S A CHOICE BETWEEN SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS AMERICA'S ROLE AS LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD, AND SOMEONE WHO IS WILLING TO ABDICATE THAT ROLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

IT'S A CHOICE BETWEEN SOMEONE WHO WILL FIGHT FOR CHANGE, AND SOMEONE WHO WILL FIGHT FOR THE STATUS QUO.

I KNOW THE MONTHS AHEAD WILL BE CHALLENGING AND FULL OF HILLS AND VALLEYS. BUT I HAPPEN TO BELIEVE THAT COME NOVEMBER,

## AMERICANS WILL MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE.