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CAMPAIGN UPDATE: TRICK-OR-TREAT

**AMERICAN PEOPLE SPOOKED BY CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S RECORD ON
TAXES, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE:
LIBERALS MASQUERADING AS MODERATES NOT FOOLING ANYONE**

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today issued the following statement:

It's Halloween, and the President has begun trick-or-treating for vulnerable Democrat candidates. Unfortunately, the record of this Administration and its Congressional allies shows more tricks than treats.

The liberal Democrats are putting on their election-year "moderate" costumes, but they're not fooling anyone. The American people are already spooked by an administration that can dream up so many frightening taxes in one memo, that has already hiked Social Security taxes for an estimated 5 million American seniors, and that has already proposed nearly \$150 billion in Medicare cuts.

The Facts on Social Security

Let's look at the facts. President Clinton proposed a \$32 billion tax increase on middle income Social Security recipients that would affect single retirees earning more than \$25,000 and couples earning more than \$32,000 per year. Republicans tried to eliminate this tax increase, but 52 Senate Democrats successfully insisted on increasing Social Security taxes. And that's not all -- as the Rivlin memo indicates, this Administration's budget options for next year include billions and billions of dollars in new Social Security cuts.

The Facts on Medicare

In his campaign document "Putting People First," candidate Clinton proposed a total of \$4.4 billion in Medicare cuts. When he became President, his proposed Medicare cuts grew to almost \$150 billion -- \$48.3 billion over five years in his 1994 budget, and another \$97.3 billion over five years in his 1995 budget. Now, Administration documents have revealed that they're considering up to \$150 billion in additional Medicare cuts in preparing for next year's budget.

No matter what desperate pre-election tactics this Administration may use, they can't hide from their record or change the coming tide of Republican victories.

The real treat will come on November 8th, when the American people vote to put Congress under new management.

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