

SENATOR BOB DOLE REMARKS

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GOOD MORNING. WELL, NOW WE'VE HEARD THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT. (MO UDALL AND HOWARD BAKER ALSO ON THE PROGRAM.) (AFTER INTRODUCTION BY MARK SHIELDS...SENATOR DOLE LOOKS AT SHIELDS, AND SAYS)....AND THEY SAID I WAS TOO ROUGH ON MONDALE...IT'S WORDS LIKE THAT THAT MAKE ME WANT TO TAKE MY HATCHET OUT OF RETIREMENT.

I CAN'T SAY MUCH FOR THE APPLAUSE I JUST RECEIVED EITHER. MARTIN FELDSTEIN GOT A BETTER RECEPTION AT THE WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY...WHICH HE WAS INVITED TO ATTEND...ON JANUARY 13.

MARK SHIELDS WASN'T ALWAYS FUNNY. HE SPENT YEARS SECRETLY TAKING HUMOR LESSONS FROM STROM THURMOND.

FIRST OF ALL, I WANT MEMBERS OF THE PRESS TO KNOW THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS ASSURED ME AT NOON TODAY...IF THERE IS EVER THE NEED FOR ANOTHER GRENADA TYPE OPERATION...REPORTERS WILL BE IN ON THE INVASION...NO SOLDIERS...JUST REPORTERS.

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THE PUBLIC SUPPORTED THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION AGAINST THE PRESS. IT'S COMFORTING TO KNOW THERE'S A GROUP IN THIS TOWN DISLIKED AS MUCH AS CONGRESS.

I UNDERSTAND THEY FINALLY LOCATED YURI ANDROPOV ... HE'S BEEN PLAYING CHECKERS WITH ROGER MUDD.

I'VE ALWAYS HAD GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE PRESS...IT'S THE OTHER POLITICIANS I'VE HAD TROUBLE WITH.

AND I HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE WHITE HOUSE, TOO ... IT'S THE PEOPLE INSIDE I HAVE TROUBLE WITH.

BUT I WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH MEMBERS OF THE REAGAN CABINET (LOOK AT ELIZABETH) -- OF COURSE, SOME CLOSER THAN OTHERS.

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I ONCE ASKED SECRETARY REGAN NOT TO INSULT THE INTELLIGENCE
OF CONGRESS. HE ASSURED ME HE'D NEVER INSULT SOMETHING HE
COULDN'T SEE.

AND WE ALL KNOW WHY ED MEESE WAS SELECTED TO BE THE NEW
ATTORNEY GENERAL -- JUDGE CLARK'S PHONE WAS BUSY.

A LOT OF THE MEMBERS WERE LATE TONIGHT -- SINCE THE CAPITOL
BOMBING, CAPITOL POLICE HAVE BECOME SECURITY CONSCIOUS AND IT
SLOWS OUR EXIT...THEY WANTED TO PUT GUARDS AROUND TIP
O'NEILL...BUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE THAT MANY GUARDS.

NOBODY HAS THAT MANY GUARDS.

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I WAS ASKED HERE TONIGHT TO TALK ABOUT WHO WILL BE ELECTED TO THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB IN THE FREE WORLD...SENATE MAJORITY LEADER.

WHEN I FIRST INDICATED AN INTEREST IN THE JOB...I MADE 40 OR 50 PHONE CALLS. FRANKLY, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT MANY PEOPLE COULD PUT YOU ON HOLD AT ONE TIME.

OF COURSE, NOT EVERYONE PUT ME ON HOLD...CHARLIE WICK PUT ME ON TAPE.

ED MEESE SAID HE'D NEVER SEEN A HUNGRY PERSON IN THE UNITED STATES. ELIZABETH SAID TO ME..."OBVIOUSLY, HE'S NEVER SEEN YOU LOOKING AT HOWARD BAKER'S OFFICE."

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WHEN REPORTERS ASKED WHY I WANTED TO BE MAJORITY LEADER...I
TOLD THEM I FELT I WAS CAPABLE OF DOING A LOT MORE WORK. NOW
ELIZABETH HAS ME DOING BOTH THE WASHING AND THE IRONING.

SPEAKING OF ELIZABETH, A FEW MONTHS AGO SHE DELIVERED THE
SERMON AT A LOCAL CHURCH. I DIDN'T GET TO HEAR THE ENTIRE
MESSAGE...I WAS KINDA BUSY TAKING UP THE COLLECTION.

FOR MONTHS I'VE BEEN CALLING FOR A BUDGET SUMMIT CONFERENCE.
OBVIOUSLY, IT'S ON THE WHITE HOUSE BACKBURNER...ALONG WITH
STATEHOOD FOR GUAM...A NATIONAL HOLIDAY FOR MADELINE MURRAY
O'HARE...AND MY REQUEST TO SEE THE PRESIDENT.

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THE PRESS CLUB HAS ASKED HOWARD, MO, AND ME TO GIVE ADVICE TO
THIS YEAR'S CROP OF LOSERS.

MO...HOWARD...AND ME...THREE FORMER CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES...TWO OF WHOM HAVE LEARNED THEIR LESSON.

HOWARD...I WON'T SAY WHICH TWO.

FRANKLY, I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED TO SEE YOU HERE, SENATOR
BAKER...I DIDN'T KNOW DRIVING SCHOOL LET OUT THIS EARLY.

ONE PIECE OF ADVICE I'D LIKE TO PASS ON TO ALL CANDIDATES ...
I CAN'T EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF CHOOSING YOUR RUNNING MATE
VERY CAREFULLY -- AFTER ALL, LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO JERRY FORD IN
1976.

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THERE IS NOTHING MORE EXCITING THAN A PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. ON ELECTION NIGHT IN 1976...I SAID TO THE PRESIDENT, "I HOPE I WAS ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAMPAIGN". FORD PUT HIS ARM AROUND ME AND SAID ... "BOB, -- YOU DON'T KNOW HOW SECURE I FEEL KNOWING WE HAVE RUSSELL, KANSAS, LOCKED UP."

I AM PARTICULARLY WELL SUITED TO GIVE ADVICE ON HOW TO DEBATE ... AND AFTER WATCHING THE NEW HAMPSHIRE NON-EVENT ... ADVICE IS NEEDED.

I REALLY WISH FRITZ MONDALE WAS HERE TONIGHT ... I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE THE '76 DEBATE. I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT DEBATE ... AND DON'T THINK I HAVEN'T TRIED.

I WON'T SAY HOW WE DID, BUT HALFWAY THROUGH, THREE EMPTY CHAIRS GOT UP AND WALKED OUT.

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I WENT IN FOR A BRAIN SCAN AFTERWARDS, AND THE DOCTOR GAVE ME MY MONEY BACK.

I HAVE TO ADMIT...HOWARD AND I RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION DURING THE 1980 NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY. WE LEARNED IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO WIN THE DEBATE WITH A MAN WHO BUYS THE MICROPHONE.

AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE...SHIRLEY CHISHOLM STARTED WITH TWO STRIKES AGAINST HER...AND WE KNOW WHAT THOSE TWO STRIKES WERE...SHE WAS INTELLIGENT AND ARTICULATE.

MO UDALL HAS A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR...EXPERT TIMING...AND A POLISHED DELIVERY...JUST THREE OF THE REASONS I HATE HIM.

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JUST REMEMBER THIS BIT OF POLITICAL ADVICE...WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER...MONDALE WILL STILL BE DOWN HERE...MAKING PROMISES.

MONDALE HAS WORKED HARD FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE TEACHERS ... THE MINORITIES ... AND LABOR. MCGOVERN HAS WORKED JUST AS HARD...FOR THE SUPPORT OF HIS WIFE. MCGOVERN NEEDS TO STIR UP MORE INTEREST...BRING BACK EAGLETON!!

CRANSTON COMPLAINS THAT HE CAN'T GET ANY MEDIA COVERAGE. HE OUGHT TO DROP OUT OF SIGHT. COME TO THINK OF IT, I GUESS HE HAS.

ANDROPOV HASN'T BEEN SEEN SINCE THOSE NUCLEAR MISSILES WERE PLACED IN GERMANY. THE SPECULATION IS THAT HE'S SUFFERING FROM A CASE OF GERMAN MISSILES.

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THE EARLY CAMPAIGN HAS SHOWN THAT FRITZ HOLLINGS HAS THE BEST SENSE OF HUMOR...AND WITH ONE PERCENT OF THE VOTE...HE'LL NEED IT. HOLLINGS OUGHT TO KEEP ON DOING WHAT HE'S BEEN DOING -- IT'S EFFECTIVE -- HE LOOKS GOOD -- AND NOBODY CAN HOLD WHAT HE'S SAYING AGAINST HIM. FACT IS, NOBODY KNOWS WHAT THE HELL HE'S SAYING.

THE POLLS ALSO SHOW THAT 45 PERCENT OF THOSE QUESTIONED RECOGNIZED THE NAME GARY HART...THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED IN THE SENATE DINING ROOM. (HE'S BEEN GONE A LOT.)

REUBIN ASKEW FEELS GOOD ABOUT HIS POSITION IN THE POLLS. HE DOESN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYONE GAINING ON HIM. HE NEEDS NAME RECOGNITION...AND THE ONLY WAY HE'S GOING TO GET IT IS CHANGE HIS NAME TO MARCUS ALLEN.

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THERE'S ONE THING I'D LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IF ALL THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES GET TOGETHER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AGAIN...I'D LIKE TO SEE JOHN GLENN PICK UP JESSE JACKSON'S SPEECH BY MISTAKE. CAN YOU HEAR JOHN GLENN SAYING..."FROM THE OUTHOUSE...TO THE COURTHOUSE...TO THE WHITE HOUSE"?

THE WAY GLENN'S CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN GOING...HE'D PROBABLY READ IT BACKWARDS.

WHICH WOULD GET HIM THE MOST APPLAUSE HE'S RECEIVED DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

JESSE JACKSON...HE HAS ABOUT AS MUCH CHANCE OF BEING ELECTED PRESIDENT AS HE DOES OF BEING APPOINTED TO THE PRESIDENT'S CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION.

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IF THE PRESIDENT DECIDES NOT TO RUN...IT MEANS TWO THINGS...VICE PRESIDENT BUSH WILL HAVE THE INSIDE TRACK ON THE NOMINATION...AND I WILL HAVE THE INSIDE TRACK ON A HOUSEKEEPER.

FACT IS, THERE ARE TOO DARNED MANY CANDIDATES CLUTTERING UP THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PICTURE. YOU COULD CUT THE LIST IN HALF BY COMPRESSING TWO CANDIDATES INTO ONE. LIKE: GLENN AND MONDALE COULD BE FUSED INTO...GLEN-DALE. MCGOVERN AND HART INTO...MC-HART. HOLLINGS AND CRANSTON INTO HOLL-STON. AND THEN, THERE'S JACKSON AND ASKEW...

NO MATTER WHO RUNS FOR PRESIDENT...I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO A VERY EXCITING YEAR...A YEAR WHEN ED MEESE -- IF CONFIRMED -- WILL HAVE HIS OWN SOUP KITCHEN.

A YEAR WHEN WALTER MONDALE PROMISES...TO STOP MAKING
PROMISES.

A YEAR WHEN REUBIN ASKEW DROPS OUT OF THE RACE...AND NOBODY
NOTICES.

A YEAR WHEN THE OWNER OF A PRO FOOTBALL TEAM ADMITS HIS TEAM
HAS A DRUG PROBLEM...AS HE MOVES THE FRANCHISE TO COLUMBIA.

A YEAR WHEN JESSE JACKSON WILL HAVE TROUBLE IN BOTH IOWA AND
NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THAT OBVIOUS REASON...NEITHER STATE HAS MANY
BAPTISTS.

A YEAR WHEN THE GROUNDHOG COMES OUT OF HIS HOLE...SEES JOHN
GLENN'S SHADOW...AND FALLS ASLEEP FOR 30 MORE DAYS.

A YEAR WHEN GEORGE BUSH TEACHES MEMBERS OF THE WHITE HOUSE
STAFF...HOW TO AVOID BURNOUT.

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FINALLY, I WANT TO SAY THAT I DON'T LIKE ALL THE PUBLICITY ELIZABETH AND I HAVE BEEN RECEIVING ... AND I DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO AVOID IT. I STRESSED THAT POINT DURING AN INTERVIEW...WITH MORLEY SAFER...FOR OUR UPCOMING APPEARANCE ON 60 MINUTES...WHICH MAY BE SHOWN SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5...7:00 O'CLOCK EASTERN, 6:00 CENTRAL...RERUNS MAY BE SEEN SUNDAY, JULY 22...VIDEO CASSETTES ARE AVAILABLE BY CALLING 555-2323...OR YOU CAN SEE ME RIGHT AFTER THE PROGRAM.