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GOP LEADERSHIP DINNER  
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Remarks by Sen. Bu Dole

Gov. Leach's Dinner

Great Hall, Library of Congress

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Mr. Leach

Mr. Buel:

Good evening, Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, On behalf of my colleagues in the College of Cardinals, I'd like to welcome you to the Library of Congress. Unfortunately, the Sistine Chapel was already booked for the evening. But I think you'll agree, this is the next best room in town.

I'm afraid we've had to economize a bit on this year's entertainment. Gramm, Rudman and Domenici ruled out any Gregorian chants. And if you missed the Swiss Guards at the door, well, there's a logical explanation. Admiral Poindexter borrowed them for his own mission. Seems he hopes to establish contacts with certain moderate members of the Washington press corps. *for his own protection.*

Mr. President, we all know of your fondness for Calvin Coolidge. In his autobiography, Coolidge wrote of the trials he experienced in presiding over the world's greatest deliberative body. Upon arriving in Washington, he determined to acquaint himself with its practices, traditions, and procedures.

As Coolidge put it, "I soon found that the Senate had but one fixed rule, which was to the effect that the Senate would do anything that it wanted whenever it wanted to do it. When I had learned that, I did not waste much time on the other rules because they were so seldom applied!"

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In fact, Mr. President, I think you'll agree that in the last few years, working together, we have rewritten the Washington rulebook. *may* even as we have redefined the role of government in America. Majorities come and go. Chairmanships change hands. Offices rotate. But history will record that a Republican President *and* hand in hand with a Republican Senate reversed the decline of American fortunes and dispelled for all *the* time any *the* doubts about our ability to govern. *I was who*

Mr. Vice President, I'm especially pleased to see you here this evening. Toward the end of the campaign, I was *a lot of* keen of hoping to see you around here the next two years. After all, who wants to spend time in holiday hours, going to meetings, being introduced to delegates - when he could stay here and break the tie over National Nostalgia Month?



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Over in the atrium of the Hart Building, we've just finished putting up a gigantic sculpture by Alexander Calder. It's called "Mountain and Clouds!" And I walked past it these last few months, *I often wondered why they made the clouds so black.*

On November 4 I found out.

And so this evening, inevitably, is a time of mingled feelings. Of pride in a job well done, ~~coupled with regret~~ *Of And sorrow at parting from cherished friends and colleagues.* Of delight ~~at the new faces about to join our councils.~~ *And* And sorrow at parting from cherished friends and colleagues.

Mr. President, this is an occasion of special poignancy. For this is, perhaps, the last time that the Class of 1980 will convene. ~~I have a hunch the historians are going to be generous in marking its report card.~~

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SENATE REPUBLICAN DINNER  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1986

Bob and Elizabeth Dole, members of the Cabinet, honored guests, and my dear friends. First, I'd like to congratulate the new Republican leaders who will be on the point for the G.O.P. in the upcoming 100th Congress. Republican Leader Dole will again have a solid team to back him up: Alan Simpson, John Chafee, Bill Armstrong, Thad Cochran, and Rudy Boschwitz. We salute all of you and are proud of the qualities you bring to our leadership in the Senate. Also, a heartfelt welcome to Senators-elect Bond and McCain, new Members of the Senate, but both battle-hardened political veterans. Kit and John, we're happy to have you aboard.

This is one of those occasions when it's easy to get a little misty. We've been a team, men and women who've shared a vision and who've developed bonds of friendship while working to turn our goals for America into reality.

Tonight we honor, in particular, Senators Laxalt, Goldwater, and Mathias, and all those who will not be returning for the battles in the year ahead.

Paul Laxalt, as is no secret, has been close to me these last 6 years, and long before. I've managed to stay his friend, even if it meant having to eat those special dishes at his Basque barbecues. Paul, Nancy and I are grateful for all you've been to us.



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Senator Goldwater, who was not able to be with us this evening, has been our inspiration, indeed, the Conscience of Conservatives. Six years ago, at this very dinner, I saluted Barry, saying then what remains true today: His principled stand in 1964, the ideals he expressed, the courage he displayed, captured our imaginations. He was a pathfinder, a point man. And in these last 6 years, his guidance, grit, and wisdom strengthened our resolve and kept us going.

Then there's Senator Mathias. Now, Mac, <sup>is</sup> you are the kind of individual who has made Washington a fun place to work. We worked together when <sup>he was</sup> you were the chairman of my second inaugural committee. And ever since, whatever the issue of the day, no matter how hotly contested, you've always been a gentleman. Your goodwill, your thoughtfulness, and your sense of humor have been appreciated. Mac, we didn't always agree, but I always had the deepest respect for you. You will be missed.

Those of us in the class of 1980 came here 6 years ago dedicated to strengthening our country's economy, rebuilding her defenses, and restoring her confidence. To those of you who will leave the Senate next year, we can be proud of what we've accomplished, individually and collectively. Mark Andrews has stood by and fought for the farmer through difficult times. And thanks to the efforts of Jim Abdnor, this week I was able to sign a landmark water resources bill into law which will benefit Americans of present and future generations. Jim Broyhill has had a long and dedicated career in Congress. A keen parliamentarian, he brought leadership in the area of energy and



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commerce. Jerry Denton, an American hero, is a hero still. In the Senate he fought against terrorism and held up traditional family values. Slade Gorton played a key role as a member of the Budget Committee and helped to give us a stronger America. Paula Hawkins mobilized our country against drugs and child abuse. Mack Mattingly championed the line-item veto and was indispensable this year to our success in aiding the freedom fighters in Nicaragua.

Each of you has my thanks, and that of your colleagues. But more important, you have the gratitude of the Nation.

None of us came to Washington simply to have a job. We came here to get a job done. And that's what we did. America is a more prosperous land, a more secure land, and, yes, a happier land because of what we've done.

And let no one doubt, the fundamental beliefs that guided our decisions, the principles which we hold so dear, have not been rejected. On the contrary, they are still, unquestionably, in the ascendant. Our opponents in this campaign, in so many instances, paid us the ultimate compliment: They refused to discuss issues, ceding that turf, knowing that the American people still hold allegiance to our ideas.

Yet, no two ways about it, the outcome of the Senate races was a disappointment. We're a minority again in the United States Senate -- but we've been there before and know what must be done. As Everett Dirksen, a great Republican leader, said, "We must stand up and be counted in our generation."

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Yes, the election results in the Senate may make our task more difficult. Many of you will be playing new roles in the struggle to direct the course of our country's future. But let us not forget that the underlying, long-term message of the election was positive. Governorships were won that will redirect State government and grassroots politics throughout our country. The Senate vote itself, contrary to what our opponents have been saying, reflected a continued evolution in our direction. With a change of 29,000 votes, control of the Senate would still be in our hands -- and this in the face of historical trends that work against the party in power.

There is ample reason for optimism. At every rally across our country, young people in great numbers could be seen and heard. Their youthful idealism, their energy, their zest for life made those rallies joyous occasions, especially for someone who used to cause a riot just by showing up on campus. I remember back in the days when I used to comment to Nancy that the only young people at our events looked like they couldn't get invited anywhere else. Well, that's all changed now. America's young people have responded to our message of opportunity, growth, and strength. They don't want to be told to lower their expectations. They don't want to give their lives over to central planners in Washington. They want the same kind of freedom we had and the same challenge to go as far and high as their hard work and talents will carry them. As long as we keep faith with them, this generation of Americans will keep faith with us.



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What we've been doing these last 6 years, of course, has been for them. And when today's young people have grown a bit older, when we see them with families and children of their own, living in their own homes, with productive jobs, we can all feel pride in the job we've done these last 6 years. Our young people have been spared the ravages of war, and have enjoyed the same sweet liberty we possessed as young adults in the United States. Our reward is knowing we did our best for them, for our country, and for the cause of human freedom.

In a word, the challenge now before us is simply this: To complete the revolution that we have so well begun. Of course I'll be talking about this in detail in the days to come. But you know of our commitments to the American people on the balanced-budget amendment and the line-item veto. You know the importance of keeping tax rates low and spending under control, and of appointing Federal judges who will interpret law, not make it. And yes, you know of the freedom fighters around the world who need our help -- and with whom we are determined to stand.

In the last 6 years, we've left the days of retreat and apology behind. We've again made America the bastion of freedom, the hope for a beleaguered mankind, that God intended her to be.

In tackling our agenda, I want to assure you of one important thing. Now more than ever, we'll need to depend on one another to achieve our goals for this country.

No -- I've never served in a legislature before -- that's true. But, after 6 years down the avenue here, I think I understand your problems pretty well. And I know that your



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problems are my problems too. We're one team. We've got to stick together -- even more effectively in the Congress to come.

So, in the years ahead, no matter where we are, we can be proud that we were members of the class of 1980 and that together we changed history. God bless all of you. You'll always have a place in my heart.

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NOVEMBER 20 SCHEDULE

PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SENATOR AND SECRETARY DOLE

NOTE: BLACK TIE  
Attendance: 150  
(GOP Senators, wives, officers, key staff)  
Facility: Round tables of 10 each, 2 head-tables  
Free-standing podium with mike

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6:30 P.M. SENATOR DOLE departs Capitol for Library of Congress

6:35 P.M. SENATOR DOLE arrives Carriage Entrance,  
Ground Level, Library of Congress

MET BY: Mike Glassner

Proceed to Whittall Pavillion (Holding Room)  
and await arrival of Vice President

NOTE: SECRETARY DOLE will meet you there.

NOTE: Chief of Staff and Mrs. Regan will  
arrive between 6:35-6:40

6:40 P.M. PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN proceed to South Grounds  
and board motorcade

6:42 P.M. SENATOR DOLE AND SECRETARY DOLE proceed to Carriage  
Entrance to await arrival of Vice President Bush

6:45 P.M. VICE PRESIDENT BUSH arrives Library of Congress  
(OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHERS ONLY to cover arrival)

6:50 P.M. PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN depart White House  
en route Library of Congress

6:55 P.M. PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN arrive Carriage Entrance,  
Ground Level, Library of Congress

MET BY:  
Vice President George Bush  
Senator Bob Dole  
Secretary Elizabeth Dole

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INDIVIDUALS LISTED BELOW proceed to elevator for departure for Mezzanine Level to join reception (in progress since 6:30)

President  
Mrs. Reagan  
The Vice President  
Senator Dole  
Secretary Dole  
J. Kuhn  
Andrew Littlefair  
Tim McBride  
Official Photographer  
Dr. Smith  
Military Aide  
3 Secret Service

ALL OTHERS proceed to Mezzanine Floor via main staircase

7:00 P.M.

THE PRESIDENT, MRS. REAGAN, VICE PRESIDENT BUSH, SENATOR DOLE AND SECRETARY DOLE arrive Mezzanine Level and FORM RECEIVING LINE

MET BY: Daniel Boorstin, Librarian of Congress  
Jo-Anne Coe, Secretary of the Senate

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(Presidential Photographer, Vice Presidential Photographer and two Senate Photographers)

RECEIVING LINE ORDER:

Vice President Bush  
Secretary Dole  
Senator Dole  
Mrs. Reagan  
President Reagan

NOTE: Jo-Anne Coe will be nearby to expedite flow of receiving line

NOTE: Music will be provided during reception and dinner by Marine Corps String Ensemble

7:25 P.M.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN, VICE PRESIDENT BUSH, SENATOR DOLE AND SECRETARY DOLE depart Mezzanine level via elevator en route holding room on 1st floor level



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(SAME ELEVATOR MANIFEST AS BEFORE)

ALL OTHERS WILL BE ESCORTED TO GREAT HALL,  
1ST FLOOR LEVEL, VIA MAIN STAIRCASE

7:35 P.M.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN, VICE PRESIDENT BUSH,  
SENATOR DOLE AND SECRETARY DOLE depart Holding Room  
en route Great Hall for off-stage announcement area

SENATOR AND SECRETARY DOLE are announced into  
Great Hall

VICE PRESIDENT BUSH is announced into Great Hall

PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN announced into Great Hall

PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN, VICE PRESIDENT BUSH,  
SENATOR AND SECRETARY DOLE proceed into Great Hall  
and are seated for dinner

PRESS POOL COVERAGE (beginning only)

TABLE NO. 1:

The President  
Secretary Dole  
Mrs. Thurmond  
Senator Simpson  
Senator Kassebaum  
Senator Chafee  
Senator Cochran  
Mrs. Armstrong  
Senator Heinz  
Mrs. Boschwitz

TABLE NO. 2:

Senator Dole  
Mrs. Reagan  
Vice President Bush  
Mrs. Simpson  
Senator Thurmond  
Mrs. Chafee  
Senator Armstrong  
Mrs. Cochran  
Senator Boschwitz  
Mrs. Heinz

7:40 P.M.

INVOCATION by SENATOR JOHN DANFORTH

Dinner Begins  
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NOTE: Music during dessert will be provided by  
Army Strolling Strings

9:00 P.M.      Dinner Concludes

                 SENATOR DOLE makes brief remarks and  
                 INTRODUCES THE PRESIDENT

                 PRESS POOL COVERAGE

9:05 P.M.      THE PRESIDENT proceeds to podium and makes remarks

                 PRESS POOL COVERAGE

9:10 P.M.      PRESIDENT concludes remarks and returns to seat

                 SENATOR DOLE makes concluding remarks

9:15 P.M.      THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN bid farewell to  
                 Vice President Bush, Senator and Secretary Dole  
                 and depart Great Hall en route Carriage Entrance  
                 for boarding of motorcade and departure from Library

9:20 P.M.      THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN, accompanied by  
                 VICE PRESIDENT BUSH, depart Library of Congress

9:30 P.M.      SENATOR AND SECRETARY DOLE bid farewell to guests  
                 and depart Library of Congress

Good evening, Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan, Mr. Vice President and Mrs. Bush, Cabinet colleagues and Senatorial brethren. This is a city that manufactures headlines without always appreciating the history they collectively add up to. A city whose monuments can sometimes dwarf the individuals they are meant to inspire. *Tonight, however,* ~~this~~ *is different. For* this evening is a very special reminder of the human element in a profession that can occasionally make inhuman demands. ~~And~~ *it's also* a chance to reflect with pride and affection upon the work of the last two years, and the friendships that will last a lifetime.

It's only fitting that we should convene here, in Congress' very own library. For in this, the world's greatest repository of ideas, we ~~carry on in service~~ *harness ourselves* to the world's greatest idea...the revolutionary concept that individual men and women might be

~~entrusted with their own self-government. It isn't always very neat.~~ *It's not the neatest form of government.*

~~There are times when it talks too much and produces too little. But~~ *There are times when it talks too much and produces too little. But*

~~And it's often contentious, unruly and verbose. - In this, as in so many other ways, the political life reflects. But then, no one~~ *in this as in so much else, it accurately reflects*

~~ever claimed perfection for human nature. And if the making of law~~

~~is not always a pretty sight, then the workings of liberty can be~~

~~excused for~~

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~~believe-it.~~ - and that when it comes to legislating the future,  
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