OCTOBER 7, 1988

TO: SENATOR DOLE

FROM: SHEILA BURKE

RE: REMARKS TO AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO STOP BY THE ADA CONVENTION ON SUNDAY TO MAKE BRIEF REMARKS. THE MEETING IS THEIR ANNUAL CONVENTION AND YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING ABOUT 600 MEMBERS OF THEIR HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF KANSANS IN ATTENDANCE, INCLUDING THOSE I'VE NOTED AT THE END OF THE MEMO.

YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SPEAK FOR 15 MINUTES OR SO, ON POLITICS IN GENERAL AND THE LIKELY HEALTH CARE AGENDA FOR THE 101ST CONGRESS.

THERE ARE NO OTHER CURRENT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SPEAKING. HOWARD BAKER IS THE ONLY OTHER POLITICAL FIGURE.

THIS GROUP IS INTERESTED IN SOME LEGISLATIVE ISSUES, BUT THEY DON'T EXPECT YOU TO ADDRESS THEM SPECIFICALLY.

- *<u>MEDICARE</u> THERE IS VERY LITTLE COVERAGE FOR DENTISTS UNDER THE PROGRAM NOW, AND OF COURSE THEY WOULD LIKE IT EXPANDED, BUT THEY ARE REALISTIC. THEY HAD HOPED TO BE INCLUDED IN CATASTROPHIC -- BUT KNEW THE CHANCES WERE SLIM.
- *<u>MANDATED BENEFITS</u>: THEY ARE OPPOSED TO MANDATORY BENEFITS -- AND DISLIKE PROGRAMS LIKE THE MASSACHUSETTS MODEL.
- *AIDS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT LEGISLATION THAT MAY REQUIRE THEM TO CARE FOR AIDS PATIENTS, PARTICULARLY IF THEY CAN'T BE INFORMED AS TO THEIR CONDITION BECAUSE OF CONFIDENTIALITY RESTRICTIONS.

*<u>FTC</u> LIKE PHYSICIANE GENERALLY, THEY ARE VERY UNHAPPY ABOUT FTC ACTIVITIES AS THEY RELATE TO STATE PRACTICE ACTS. APPARENTLY THE FTC HAS BEEN FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO DENTAL TECHNICIANS AND OTHERS TRYING TO EXPAND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. ADDITIONALLY THE FTC HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN THE ADVERTISING ACTIVITIES OF DENTISTS.

I'VE ATTACHED SOME BASIC HEALTH CARE AGENDA TALKING POINTS YOU MAY WANT TO USE.

KANSAS DELEGATES:

TERRY DUNCAN, WICHITA DEAN DYER, PRAIRIE VILLAGE BOB SMITH, PRAIRIE VILLAGE RICHARD PERCH, PRAIRIE VILLAGE RAY PARSON, WINFIELD HAROLD SCHEER, WICHITA STEVE BROTHERSON, KANSAS CITY GARY NEWMAN, TOPEKA

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 9, 1988 WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE HEALTH AGENDA FOR 1989

THE 101ST CONGRESS WILL FACE SOME VERY

DIFFICULT ISSUES ON THE HEALTH FRONT

REGARDLESS OF WHO SITS IN THE WHITE HOUSE --

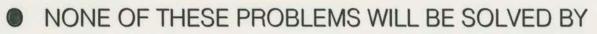
BUT THE SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS WILL BE

RADICALLY DIFFERENT DEPENDING ON WHETHER WE

HAVE PRESIDENT BUSH OR PRESIDENT DUKAKIS.

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas http://dolearchives.ku.edu THE ISSUES THAT WILL NO DOUBT CONFRONT US INCLUDE; THE NEED FOR A REAL LONG-TERM CARE PROGRAM; THE INCREASING NEED TO CARE FOR THE NUMBER OF THE UNINSURED; THE NEED FOR INCREASING ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE SERVICES BY PREGNANT WOMEN AND CHILDREN; THE CONSEQUENCES OF ESCALATING FINANCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DILEMMA CAUSED BY AIDS; AND THE NEED TO ADDRESS THE TRAUMA TO OUR SOCIETY CAUSED BY SUBSTANCE ABUSE -- BOTH DRUGS AND ALCOHOL.

-2-



QUICK, EASY FIXES; NOR CAN THEY ALL BE SOLVED BY GOVERNMENT ALONE.

AS YOU KNOW ONLY TOO WELL, MICHAEL DUKAKIS

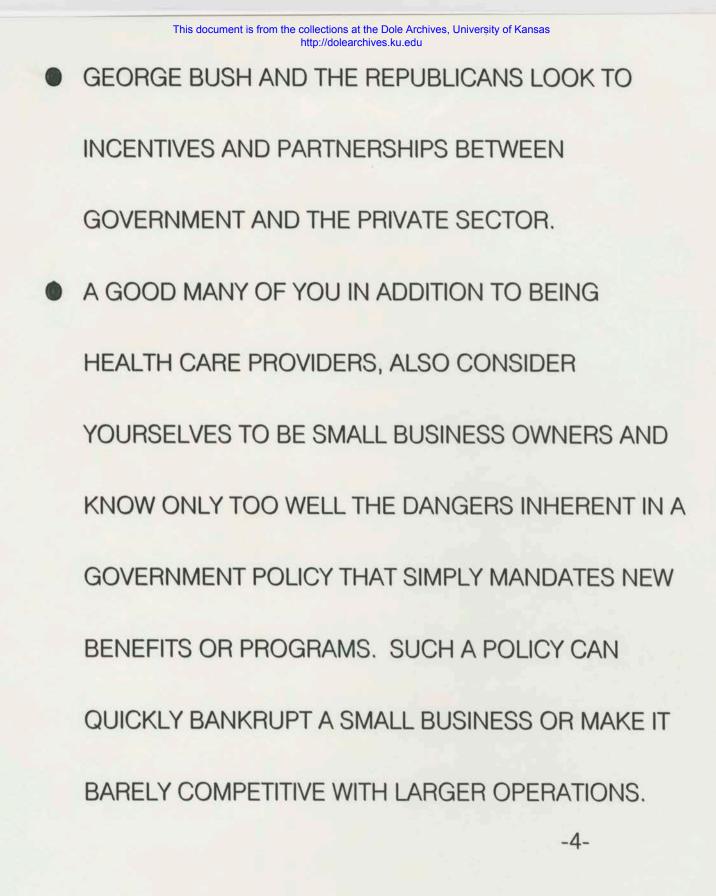
AND MANY OTHER DEMOCRATS CONTINUE TO TURN

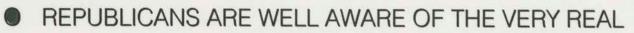
TO THE SOLUTIONS OF OLD INCLUDING MANDATES

ON EMPLOYERS AND EXPANDED OR NEW

GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.

-3-





PROBLEMS FACED BY THOSE WHO ARE

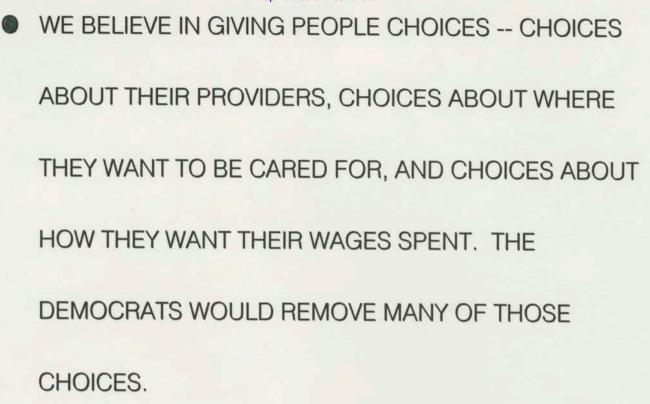
IMPOVERISHED BY A STAY IN A NURSING HOME OR

WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO VISIT A DOCTOR OR

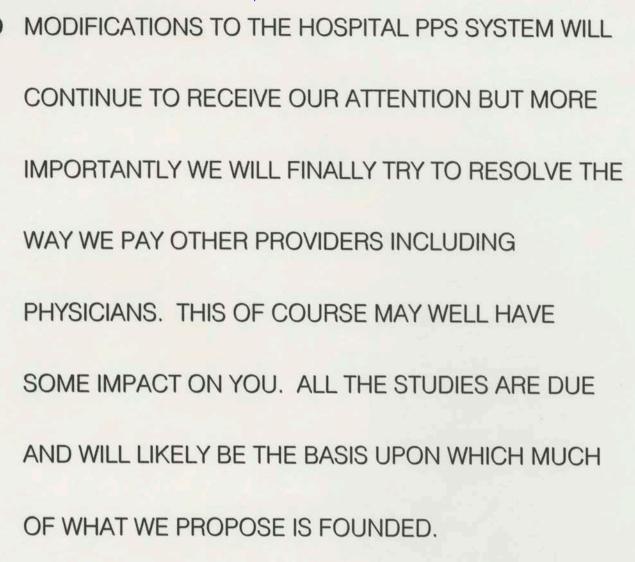
DENTIST OR STAY AT HOME AND RECEIVE CARE. BUT

THE SOLUTION IS NOT SIMPLY A MANDATE.

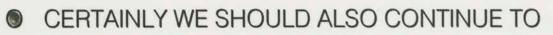
-5-



-6-



-7-

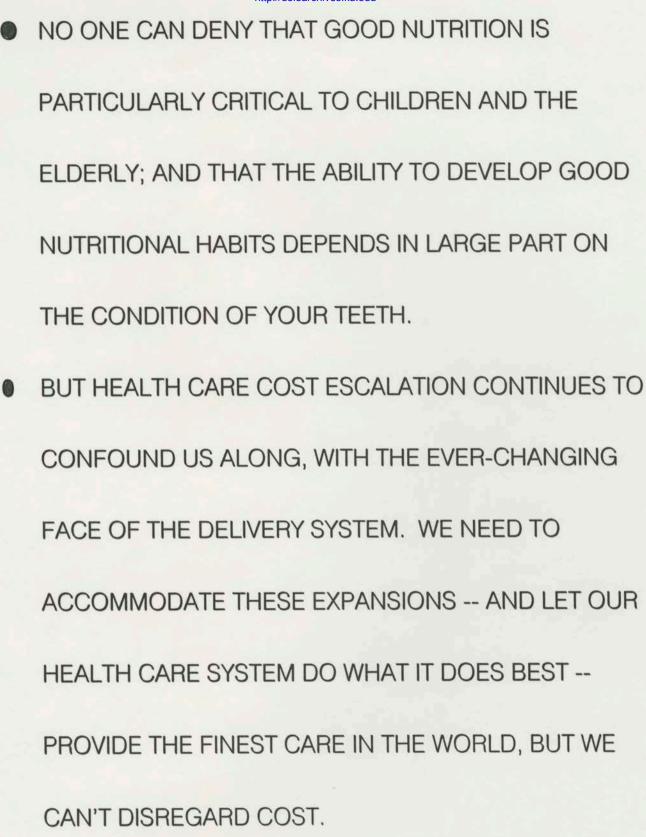


CONSIDER THOSE CHANGES THAT MAY BE NECESSARY TO INSURE THAT DENTISTS ARE TREATED EQUITABLY WHEN PROVIDING SERVICES CURRENTLY COVERED BY MEDICARE.

I AM WELL AWARE THAT MANY OF YOU WOULD LIKE
 TO SEE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID COVERAGE
 EXPANDED -- BELIEVING YOUR SERVICES VERY
 IMPORTANT TO BOTH CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY IN
 THIS COUNTRY.

-8-





-9-



THE CHALLENGE OF COST CONTAINMENT MAKES IT

THAT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO CONFRONT THE

PUBLIC HEALTH CRISES CAUSED BY AIDS

O THE CONGRESS HAS STRUGGLED IN THE LAST 2 TO 3

YEARS TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THIS EPIDEMIC.

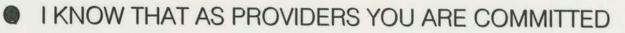
AMONG THE ISSUES OF MOST CONCERN TO US HAVE

BEEN THOSE DEALING WITH TESTING,

CONFIDENTIALITY AND DISCRIMINATION.

-10-



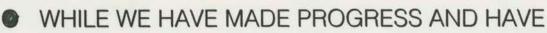


TO CARING FOR PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF THEIR
UNDERLYING CONDITION, BUT MUST ALSO BE
CONCERNED WITH YOUR SAFETY AND THAT OF YOUR
OTHER PATIENTS.
WE ARE TRYING TO DETERMINE HOW BEST TO

BALANCE THE NEEDS OF THOSE INFECTED WITH THE

AIDS VIRUS WITH THOSE WHO ARE UNINFECTED.

-11-



COMMITTED GREATER AND GREATER AMOUNTS OF MONEY TO RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND TREATMENT, THE 100TH CONGRESS HAS BEEN UNABLE TO FINALLY RESOLVE THESE OTHER TOUGH ISSUES -- SO IT WILL BE LEFT TO THE 101ST.

-12-

CONCLUSION

