

MEMORANDUM

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April 12, 1990

The Honorable Robert Dole
141 Senate Hart Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

The Republican Congressional Leadership Council (RCLC) will be holding its 'annual Spring Meeting April 25th and 26th, 1990 in Washington, D.C. We are expecting about 500 members to attend this meeting, and I would like to invite you to be our keynote luncheon speaker the afternoon of Thursday, April 26th.

Each RCLC member contributes between \$2,500 and \$5,000 to the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) per year. This group funds in excess of three million dollars for our House candidates per election cycle.

Our RCLC members are interested in the political and current events issues of the day and in the past we have had speakers such as:

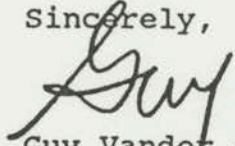
Dick Cheney -- Secretary of Defense
Jack Kemp -- Secretary of Housing & Urban Development
Jeane Kirkpatrick -- Former U.S. Ambassador to the
United Nations
Dr. Louis Sullivan -- Secretary of Health & Human
Services
Clayton Yeutter -- Secretary of Agriculture
John Sununu -- White House Chief of Staff

Our agenda is flexible, and we would be more than willing to arrange a time in the morning or early afternoon that is convenient with your schedule. We have allocated 30 minutes for you to speak and we ask that you divide your time between remarks and questions from our members.

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Your participation in our meeting would guarantee its success. I appreciate your consideration of this invitation. Please call Susie Karas at 202/479-7011 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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SENATOR BOB DOLE
REMARKS TO THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
APRIL 26, 1990
WASHINGTON HILTON

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.
IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE
WITH SUCH A DISTINGUISHED
AND IMPORTANT GROUP. SUCH
A BIG TURNOUT HERE REFLECTS
THE DEPTH OF YOUR
DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES
OF OUR PARTY, AND I KNOW
MY HOUSE REPUBLICAN
COLLEAGUES ARE EXTREMELY

GRATEFUL FOR YOUR EFFORTS —
— AND SO IS THE PRESIDENT
AND SO ARE WE IN THE SENATE.

1990 COULD BE GOP TURNING POINT

1990 COULD BE A MAJOR
TURNING POINT FOR THE GOP.
AS YOU KNOW, WE HELD THE

MAJORITY IN THE SENATE FROM
1981 THROUGH 1986 —— AND I
CAN TELL YOU, IT'S A LOT
NICER BEING IN THE MAJORITY.

I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST
TIME WHEN WE HAD SUCH A
STRONG REPUBLICAN FIELD OF
CHALLENGERS IN SENATE RACES
AS WE DO THIS YEAR. THESE

OUTSTANDING CANDIDATES
COULD WELL BE THE 'NEW
MAJORITY' THAT WE'VE BEEN
LOOKING FOR FOR SO LONG.

RUNDOWN OF SENATE CHALLENGERS

-- IN IOWA, WE HAVE
CONGRESSMAN TOM TAUKE

RUNNING AGAINST SENATOR
TOM HARKIN.

— IN MICHIGAN,
CONGRESSMAN BILL SCHUETTE IS
TAKING ON CARL LEVIN.

— IN RHODE ISLAND,
CONGRESSWOMAN CLAUDINE
SCHNEIDER IS LOOKING TO
SEND CLAIBORNE PELL INTO
RETIREMENT.

— IN ILLINOIS, PAUL SIMON IS
FACING A STIFF CHALLENGE
FROM LYNN MARTIN, WHO YOU
ALL KNOW IS A SUPERB MEMBER
OF THE HOUSE.

— IN COLORADO, HANK
BROWN IS A STRONG BET TO
SUCCEED RETIRING SENATOR BILL
ARMSTRONG.

— IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, THE

VACANCY CREATED BY
GORDON HUMPHREY WILL LIKELY
BE FILLED BY CONGRESSMAN
BOB SMITH.

— IN IDAHO, CONGRESSMAN
LARRY CRAIG IS RUNNING
STRONG TO SUCCEED MY
COLLEAGUE JIM MCCLURE.

— IN NEBRASKA, FORMER
CONGRESSMAN HAL DAUB

WANTS TO COME BACK TO
WASHINGTON — HE'S RUNNING
AGAINST SENATOR JIM EXON.
— AND NOW IN HAWAII,
CONGRESSWOMAN PAT SAIKI
SAYS SHE IS VERY INTERESTED
IN RUNNING THIS FALL FOR THE
OPEN SEAT CREATED BY THE
DEATH OF SPARK
MATSUNAGA — AND I'M

DOING ALL I CAN TO
ENCOURAGE HER TO GET IN THE
RACE.

ANY ONE OF THESE FINE MEN
AND WOMEN COULD BE THE
ONE THAT GIVES US THE
MAJORITY. THIS CROP IS SO
STRONG, EVEN THE LIBERALS
ADMIT IT — THE REPUBLICANS

ARE GOING TO GAIN SEATS IN
THE SENATE THIS NOVEMBER.

AND MAYBE YOU NOTICED,
ALL THE CANDIDATES I
MENTIONED AS BEING OUR
STRONGEST CONTENDERS ARE
MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES.

I DON'T THINK THAT'S ANY
COINCIDENCE, AND WE ALL
OWE A GREAT DEAL OF THANKS
TO OUR GOOD FRIEND GUY
VANDER JAGT FOR HIS WORK
IN DEVELOPING SUCH STRONG
REPUBLICAN TALENT IN THE
HOUSE.

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES IN HOUSE

AND STRONG GAINS IN '90
WILL PUT OUR PARTY IN GREAT
SHAPE FOR '92, WHEN WE WILL
HAVE A NUMBER OF NEW HOUSE
DISTRICTS. I KNOW YOU'VE
BEEN HEARING ABOUT OUR
PARTY'S NEED TO DRAW FAIR
AND EQUITABLE CONGRESSIONAL

LINES. WE SIMPLY HAVE TO
BEAT THE DEMOCRATS'
GERRYMANDERING MACHINE THIS
YEAR. IT'S THE KIND OF RAW
POLITICS THAT PUTS REPUBLICAN
CHALLENGERS ON THE
ENDANGERED LIST, HEADING TO
EXTINCTION.

WHEN IT COMES TO ELECTIVE

POLITICS IN THE HOUSE, THE
DEMOCRAT MAJORITY HAS
ALMOST ALL THE CARDS,
INCLUDING FOUR BIG ACES:
INCUMBENCY, PAC MONEY,
SOFT MONEY, AND DEMOCRAT—
DESIGNED HOME DISTRICTS. NO
WONDER THE REELECTION RATE
FOR HOUSE MEMBERS IS 98 PER
CENT.

BUT WE REPUBLICANS ARE
WORKING HARD TO LEVEL THE
PLAYING FIELD, AND GIVE OUR
CHALLENGERS A FAIR SHOT.
NO MATTER WHAT YOU READ
FROM COMMON CAUSE OR
ELSEWHERE IN THE PRESS, IT'S
THE REPUBLICANS WHO ARE
GOING TO BE TOUGHEST ON

THE IMPORTANT ISSUE OF
CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM.
THE DEMOCRAT BILLS WE'VE
SEEN SO FAR HAVE BEEN
NOTHING MORE THAN
INCUMBENCY PROTECTION ACTS.
IN THE COMING DAYS, YOU'RE
GOING TO SEE A STRONG
CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM
PROPOSAL FROM OUR SIDE

THAT I THINK MEMBERS OF BOTH
PARTIES WILL BE ABLE TO RALLY
AROUND.

AND OF COURSE, WHEN IT
COMES TO REDISTRICTING,
MUCH OF OUR HOPES HINGE ON
ELECTING REPUBLICAN
GOVERNORS, ESPECIALLY IN
CALIFORNIA, TEXAS AND

FLORIDA WHERE THE MOST OPEN
SEATS WILL BE CREATED. SO I
HOPE THAT IF YOU LIVE IN
THOSE AREAS, YOU'LL ALSO BE
ACTIVE IN THE GOVERNORS
RACES, BECAUSE THEIR IMPACT
WILL BE FELT HERE FOR AT
LEAST THE NEXT DECADE.

PRESIDENT DESERVES A MAJORITY

I KNOW WE CAN ALL AGREE
THAT PRESIDENT BUSH DESERVES
A MAJORITY IN CONGRESS —
— AND THE DEMOCRATS ARE A
MAJOR REASON WHY, BECAUSE
THEY ARE FIGHTING HIM EVERY
STEP OF THE WAY.

WE'VE PREVAILED IN THE
SENATE ON VETOES, BUT ONLY
BY A RAZOR'S EDGE. IT ALL
GOES TO SHOW THAT THERE'S
NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A GENUINE
MAJORITY.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
FACTS THAT THE DEMOCRATS
CAN'T HIDE FROM. PRESIDENT

BUSH IS RIDING THE TIDE OF 80
PERCENT POPULARITY —
BECAUSE THE PEOPLE AGREE
WITH HIM, AND NOT THOSE
WHO TRY TO TEAR HIM DOWN.

THE DEMOCRATS ALSO CAN'T
HIDE FROM THE FACT THAT THEY
HAVE NO AGENDA. SOME
DEMOCRATS THIS YEAR HAVE

TRIED TO SELL SOME 'NEW
THINKING' THIS YEAR. BUT
ABOUT ALL WE'VE SEEN IS 'OLD
LIBERAL THINKING.'

JUST LOOK AT THOSE LINING
UP TO CASH IN ON THE SO—
CALLED PEACE DIVIDEND.
PERHAPS SOME DAY WE WILL
HAVE SOME REAL DEFENSE

SAVINGS WE CAN SPEND FOR
WORTHY PROGRAMS, BUT I
CAN'T BE TOO ANXIOUS TO
GUT DEFENSE WHEN WE DON'T
KNOW WHAT THE SOVIETS ARE
GOING TO DO IN LITHUANIA —
— OR IF GORBACHEV IS EVEN
GOING TO SURVIVE. I DON'T
THINK WE SHOULD RULE OUT
THAT THIS MAN WHOM WE

HAVE STAKED SO MUCH OF
OUR FUTURE ON COULD
CONSOLIDATE HIS POWER, OR
BE OUSTED — IT'S A REAL
POSSIBILITY.

AND THEN THERE WAS
CONGRESSMAN GEPHARDT'S
PLAN, WHICH NOT EVEN MANY
IN HIS OWN PARTY ENDORSED,

TO SEND DIRECT FOOD AID TO
THE SOVIET UNION. IF YOU ASK
ME, NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO
BE WRITING OUT CHECKS TO
GORBACHEV WHILE HE CONTIUES
TO POUR BILLIONS OF DOLLARS
INTO ANACHRONISTIC REGIMES
IN CUBA AND AFGHANISTAN. IF
HE NEEDS READY CASH, HE
SHOULD GET A REFUND FROM

CASTRO, NOT FROM UNCLE
SAM.

SUCCESS OF THE REPUBLICAN MESSAGE

MEANWHILE, OUR REPUBLICAN
MESSAGE OF HOPE, PEACE AND
PROSPERITY CONTINUES TO PICK
UP STEAM HERE AT HOME AND

AROUND THE WORLD. THE PACE
OF CHANGE HAS BEEN NOTHING
SHORT OF REMARKABLE —
INSIDE THE SOCIET UNION, IN
EASTERN EUROPE AND IN LATIN
AMERICA. JUST YESTERDAY, WE
SAW OUR LONGTIME SUPPORT
FOR THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS
AND DEMOCRACY IN
NICARAGUA COME TO FRUITION

AS VIOLETTA CHAMORRO WAS
SWORN IN AS THAT COUNTRY'S
FREELY ELECTED PRESIDENT.

THIS IS THE WORLD WE'VE ALL
BEEN WAITING FOR —— WHEN
COMMUNISM COLLAPSES, AND
THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE FALLS
APART. IN MY VIEW, THE
CHANGES IN THE COMMUNIST

BLOC AND IN THE WORLD ARE
FUNDAMENTAL AND ARE NOT
GOING TO BE REVERSED.

BUT OUR JOB IS NOT DONE.
WE CAN'T GIVE UP NOW.

NO ONE IS MORE PREPARED
TO MANAGE AFFAIRS IN THIS
NEW WORLD THAN THE

REPUBLICAN PARTY.

BUT TO DO THAT, WE NEED
TO ELECT AS MANY REPUBLICAN
AS WE CAN. WE HAVE TO
WORK HARD, WORK TOGETHER,
AND THEN WORK SOME MORE.
~~BUT~~ ^{AND} YOU ARE CRITICAL TO OUR
MISSION.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR
CONTINUING SUPPORT AND
COMMITMENT TO OUR PARTY'S
EFFORTS. TOGETHER, WE CAN
BECOME AMERICA'S MAJORITY
PARTY.

THANK YOU. I'D BE HAPPY
TO ENTERTAIN WHATEVER
QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

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