

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Dole  
FROM: Kathy Ormiston and Clarkson Hine  
SUBJECT: Presidential Classroom

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Time and Place

9:20, Dirksen Auditorium.

Format and Audience

They would like you to speak for 30 minutes -- 15 minute speech and 15 minute Q&A. Students will have your biography so be prepared for questions from that as well.

There will be 344 junior and senior high school students from around the country, including 8 from Kansas. They all have a B average or better.

C-SPAN will taped your speech. No other media expected.

What They Would Like You to Talk About

The title of your seminar is Issues Facing Congress: A Senator's Perspective. Basically you can talk about whatever you want. Clarkson has put together brief remarks.

Other Speakers

Monday morning  
Mrs. Quayle

Tuesday afternoon  
Justice Sandra O'Connor

Wednesday

Rep. Steny Hoyer (discussing the Democrats' agenda)  
Rep. Ron Packard (discussing Republicans' agenda)

**SENATOR BOB DOLE**  
**REMARKS TO PRESIDENTIAL CLASSROOM**  
**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**  
**JUNE 19, 1990**

**THANK YOU AND GOOD  
MORNING. IT'S ALWAYS A  
PLEASURE TO CHAT WITH SOME  
OF OUR NATION'S OUTSTANDING  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. YOUR  
ENROLLMENT IN THIS PROGRAM**

DEMONSTRATES A SPECIAL  
COMMITMENT TO LEARNING  
ABOUT OUR GOVERNMENT, ITS  
INSTITUTIONS, AND ITS ROLE IN  
SOCIETY. YOUR INTEREST IN  
GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ONLY  
SERVE YOU WELL, BUT WILL  
ALSO BENEFIT OUR COUNTRY —  
— BECAUSE OUT OF YOUR  
GENERATION WILL COME OUR



# LEADERS OF TOMORROW.

## EXCITING TIMES; CHANGES IN SOVIET UNION, EASTERN EUROPE

LET ME TALK FOR A MOMENT  
ABOUT OUR WORLD, BECAUSE IT  
CERTAINLY IS AN EXCITING TIME  
TO BE AN OBSERVER OF  
HISTORY —— AND IT'S A

SUBJECT THAT HAS CAPTIVATED  
US HERE IN CONGRESS. NONE  
OF US A COUPLE OF YEARS  
AGO COULD HAVE IMAGINED  
HOW DIFFERENT THE WORLD  
WOULD BE BY THE TIME YOU  
GRADUATED FROM HIGH  
SCHOOL — THE CHANGES  
HAVE BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF  
BREATHTAKING. AND IN MY

OPINION, THE CHANGES IN THE  
SOVIET UNION, IN THE  
COMMUNIST BLOC AND IN THE  
WORLD ARE FUNDAMENTAL  
CHANGES. THEY ARE NOT  
GOING TO BE REVERSED.

IN MY OWN VIEW —  
STARING COMMUNISM'S FAILURE  
IN THE FACE, GORBACHEV TOOK  
A GAMBLE. BY LAUNCHING



POLICIES WE NOW CODE WORD  
'GLASTNOST' AND 'PERESTROIKA,'  
HE GAMBLLED THAT A LITTLE  
FREEDOM —— POLITICAL,  
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ——  
COULD SOMEHOW REVITALIZE A  
SPENT SYSTEM.

THE GAMBLE DIDN'T WORK.  
THAT 'LITTLE FREEDOM' TURNED  
OUT TO BE THE SPARK WHICH

IGNITED AN EXPLOSION OF  
PENT—UP ANGER AND  
FRUSTRATION —— BOTH INSIDE  
THE SOVIET UNION AND THE  
COMMUNIST BLOC. I BELIEVE  
THE CHANGES HAVE BEEN MORE  
FAR—REACHING AND RAPID  
THAN GORBACHEV, HIMSELF,  
ENVISIONED.

THE GENIE IS CLEARLY OUT OF



THE BOTTLE.

GORBACHEV'S CHALLENGES

DURING THE SUMMIT A FEW  
WEEKS AGO, I HAD THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET  
GORBACHEV THREE TIMES. HE  
CAME TO THIS SUMMIT IN A  
MUCH WEAKER POSITION THAN  
HE WAS AT THE LAST  
WASHINGTON SUMMIT JUST TWO

AND A HALF YEARS BEFORE.  
AND FROM OUR MEETINGS,  
ESPECIALLY A LENGTHY SESSION  
WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS,  
IT WAS CLEAR THAT  
GORBACHEV HAS SOME REALLY  
TOUGH DAYS AHEAD OF HIM.  
IT'S EASY TO OVERLOOK THE  
FACT THAT GORBACHEV IS  
MUCH MORE POPULAR IN

AMERICA THAN HE IS IN HIS  
OWN COUNTRY.

HIS ECONOMIC REFORMS ARE  
ALREADY CREATING PUBLIC  
DISSATISFACTION. HE FACES  
AN UNPRECEDENTED POLITICAL  
CHALLENGE FROM BORIS  
YELTSIN. AND OF COURSE, THE  
FREEDOM MOVEMENT IN THE  
BALTIC STATES SIMPLY IS NOT



GOING TO GO AWAY. AS FAR  
AS WE IN CONGRESS ARE  
CONCERNED, HE NEEDS TO  
MAKE GENUINE PROGRESS  
TOWARDS GRANTING FREEDOM  
TO THE BALTICS, AND IN THE  
AREA OF EMIGRATION, BEFORE  
WE APPROVE THE TRADE  
AGREEMENT THAT HE SO BADLY  
WANTS AND NEEDS.

WITH ALL THESE CHALLENGES  
FACING GORBACHEV AND THE  
SOVIET UNION, WE CAN'T  
PRECLUDE ANY OUTCOME INSIDE  
THE KREMLIN — FROM  
GORBACHEV'S CONTINUED  
CONSOLIDATION OF PERSONAL  
AUTHORITY, TO HIS OUSTER.  
AND I WOULDN'T ENTIRELY WRITE

OFF THE POSSIBILITY THAT HIS  
OUSTER COULD LEAD TO A  
REAL CRACKDOWN INSIDE THE  
SOVIET UNION.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THESE  
CHANGES HAVE BEEN HISTORIC.  
BUT THE LAST CHAPTER HAS  
NOT YET BEEN WRITTEN, AND IT  
WILL CREATE EXCITING  
CHALLENGES FOR US IN



CONGRESS AND THE LEADERS  
OF TOMORROW.

CHALLENGE OF THE DEFICIT

WE ALSO HAVE TREMENDOUS  
CHALLENGES HERE AT HOME,  
NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS  
OUR MASSIVE FEDERAL DEFICIT.  
I STRONGLY BELIVE THAT WE IN

CONGRESS OWE IT TO YOUR  
GENERATION TO GET THOSE  
DEFICITS DOWN, SO YOU CAN  
ENJOY AS BRIGHT A FUTURE AS  
WE HAVE HAD.

THE BUDGET PROCESS

AS YOU MAY HAVE HEARD,  
THE CONGRESS AND THE  
ADMINISTRATION ARE IN THE  
MIDDLE OF HEAVY DUTY

NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BUDGET  
AND DEFICIT REDUCTION. TO BE  
HONEST, I DON'T THINK WE  
HAVE MADE A LOT OF  
PROGRESS SO FAR. EVERYONE  
IN THE ROOM — DEMOCRAT  
AND REPUBLICAN — REALIZES  
THAT WE HAVE A BIG PROBLEM,  
BUT NO ONE IS WILLING TO PUT  
ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT ON THE



TABLE. AT LEAST, NOT YET.

THAT'S TOO BAD, BECAUSE  
THE DEFICIT IS TRULY OUR  
COUNTRY'S 'PUBLIC ENEMY  
NUMBER ONE'. IN 1991, WE WILL  
NEED AT LEAST \$50 BILLION  
DOLLARS IN DEFICIT REDUCTION  
TO MEET OUR GRAMM—RUDMAN  
TARGET —— AND THAT'S AFTER  
TAKING THE SAVINGS AND

LOAN BAILOUT OFF BUDGET.

EVEN FOR A BLOATED AND  
WASTEFUL CONGRESS, \$50  
BILLION IS NOT PEANUTS. LAST  
YEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, WE SPENT  
10 MONTHS AND DEVOTED OVER  
60% OF OUR ROLL CALL VOTES  
IN THE SENATE TO REDUCE THE  
DEFICIT BY ONLY \$16 BILLION.  
AND WE NEEDED FOUR MONTHS

OF AUTOMATIC, ACROSS—THE—  
BOARD, GRAMM—RUDMAN CUTS  
JUST TO DO THAT.

MEANWHILE, INTEREST ON OUR  
NATIONAL DEBT IS  
APPROACHING \$200 BILLION A  
YEAR, TWICE AS MUCH AS THE  
ENTIRE FEDERAL BUDGET WHEN I  
WAS FIRST ELECTED TO  
CONGRESS. SOMETIME IN JULY,



WE WILL HAVE TO PASS A BILL  
TO INCREASE THE DEBT LIMIT  
AGAIN — TO SOMETHING  
WELL OVER \$3 TRILLION  
DOLLARS — THAT'S TRILLION  
WITH A T.

I AM NOT SAYING THE ISSUES  
WE FACE IN THE SUMMIT ARE  
EASY. WE HAVE TO MAKE  
TOUGH CHOICES ON THE

SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND,  
CONTROLLING THE COST OF  
HEALTH CARE FOR THE ELDERLY,  
HELPING NEW DEMOCRACIES IN  
EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA,  
NEW TAXES AND THE S&L  
CRISIS. IT'S UGLY, BUT FROM  
THE WAY I LOOK AT IT, IT IS  
NOT GOING TO GET ANY  
EASIER IF WE CONTINUE TO PUT

EVERYTHING OFF.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT IF  
WE DON'T DO OUR JOB, YOU  
WILL BE THE ONES TO SUFFER.  
YOU WILL HAVE LESS  
OPPORTUNITY AND MORE  
RESPONSIBILITY IF THOSE OF US  
WHO ARE HERE IN CONGRESS  
DO NOT FULFILL OUR  
RESPONSIBILITIES IN ACTING ON



THE BUDGET AND THE BUDGET  
DEFICIT. I CAN ASSURE YOU  
THAT'S NOT A LEGACY I WANT  
TO LEAVE BEHIND.

MY ROLE IN SENATE

LET ME ALSO TALK FOR A  
MOMENT ABOUT MY POSITION  
HERE IN THE SENATE. I AM  
FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN

ELECTED BY MY REPUBLICAN  
COLLEAGUES AS THEIR LEADER.

**\*\*ROLE OF REPUBLICAN  
LEADER.**

**\*\*REPRESENTATION FOR  
KANSAS.**

**\*\*WORK ON COMMITTEES,**

## IMPORTANCE OF CHAIRMEN.

### INSPIRATION TO ENTER POLITICS

I AM OFTEN ASKED HOW I  
GOT INVOLVED IN POLITICS.  
MANY PEOPLE HAVE INSPIRED  
ME IN MY LIFE. BUT PERHAPS  
THE MOST INFLUENTIAL  
POLITICALLY WAS BETH BOWERS,



THE LAW LIBRARIAN AT  
WASHBURN UNIVERSITY —— AND  
A DEMOCRAT TO BOOT. MISS  
BOWERS ENCOURAGED MY  
CLASSMATES AND ME TO TAKE  
AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN  
POLITICS. SHE EXPLAINED THAT  
HAVING JUST FOUGHT A  
WAR —— WORLD WAR 2 ——  
FOR THE SURVIVAL OF

DEMOCRACY, WE MIGHT  
PRESUME TO HOLD A FRANCHISE  
ON THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.  
WHEN MISS BOWERS SUGGESTED  
I RUN FOR THE KANSAS STATE  
LEGISLATURE IN THE FALL OF  
1950, I LISTENED — AND  
ACTED. I ALSO SAW PUBLIC  
SERVICE AS A WAY TO GIVE  
BACK A LITTLE OF WHAT HAD

BEEN SHOWERED ON ME BY A  
GENEROUS COMMUNITY EAGER  
TO HELP ME RECOVER FROM MY  
WAR WOUNDS.

THAT'S HOW I GOT HERE, BUT  
EVERY MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
HAS A DIFFERENT STORY.

GOVERNMENT CAN BE EXCITING,  
BUT IT CAN ALSO BE  
FRUSTRATING. BUT ONE THING



IS FOR SURE —— EVERYONE  
HERE CAN MAKE A REAL  
DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF  
AMERICANS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,  
I'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO  
ANSWER THEM NOW.

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