TO: Senator Dole FR: Kerry

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RE: Remarks to Financial Executive Institute's Committee on Investment of Employee Benefits Assets

*You will be speaking to approximately 150 senior pension and investment executives from U.S. corporations.

*They have asked you to speak on the topic of "Competing in a Global Economy."

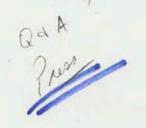
*A brief question and answer session will follow. *Clarkson advises me that C-Span will be filming your remarks. This document is from the collections at the bole Archives, University of Kansas Thurs, Sept 26 http://dolearchives.ku.edu



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SENATOR BOB DOLE REMARKS COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENT OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ASSETS SEPTEMBER 26, 1991

THANK YOU. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH SUCH A DISTINGUISHED GATHERING OF PENSION FUND EXECUTIVES.

I'M VERY IMPRESSED THAT THE MEMBER OF C.I.E.B.A. MANAGE FUNDS TOTALLING **OVER \$550 BILLION...I MIGHT BE** CAREFUL ABOUT LETTING THAT **NUMBER GROW ANY HIGHER, AS** I'M SURE THERE ARE THOSE IN **CONGRESS WHO COULD THINK** OF A THING OR TWO TO DO WITH IT.

I'VE BEEN ASKED THIS MORNING TO SPEAK FOR A FEW MINUTES ON HOW THE UNITED STATES CAN IMPROVE ITS **COMPETITIVENESS IN TODAY'S GLOBAL ECONOMY.** NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, "COMPETITIVENESS" IS ONE OF THE CURRENT HOT-BUTTON **ISSUES IN WASHINGTON.**

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THIRTY YEARS AGO, RICHARD NIXON AND NIKITA KRUSCHEV **ENGAGED IN A "KITCHEN** DEBATE" OVER WHAT TYPE OF **GOVERNMENT WOULD** ULTIMATELY PREVAIL. AND FOR THE PAST THREE DECADES THAT **QUESTION WAS THE DEFINING** ONE OF OUR TIME.

TODAY, THAT DEBATE IS OVER. DEMOCRACY HAS WON A **CONVINCING AND OVERWHELMING VICTORY.** BUT WHILE WE SWEEP UP THE **TICKER-TAPE FROM THE** VICTORY PARADE, WE MUST BE **CAREFUL TO ENSURE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES DON'T** MARCH RIGHT BY US.

THE DEFINING QUESTION OF THE 90'S AND BEYOND IS NOT **"WHAT TYPE OF GOVERNMENT IS BEST?", RATHER, "WHAT** COUNTRY IS BEST ABLE TO COMPETE ECONOMICALLY." AND LET ME SAY THAT THE **ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION IS** VERY MUCH UP IN THE AIR. THE PACIFIC RIM NATIONS

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CONTINUE THEIR REMARKABLE RECORD OF GROWTH IN THE WORLD MARKET. IN JUST A SHORT TIME, THE **COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE WILL FORM A UNITED** MARKET--A EUROPEAN **COMMUNITY--WITH A COMBINED GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT** LARGER THAN OURS.

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MANY OF THE NEWLY **EMERGING DEMOCRACIES IN** EASTERN EUROPE CLAIM WORKFORCES YOUNG IN AGE, AND WITH NEARLY UNIVERSAL LITERACY. YOU CAN'T OPEN A NEWSMAGAZINE THESE DAYS WITHOUT SEEING MULTI-PAGE **INSERTS FOR COUNTRIES LIKE**

IRELAND, SAUDI ARABIA, OR KOREA, PROMOTING THEIR WORKFORCE AND LURING COMPANIES AND INVESTMENTS. AFTER THE GULF WAR AND THE COLLAPSE OF COMMUNISM IN RUSSIA, IT'S CLEAR THAT THE **U.S. IS THE ONLY SUPERPOWER** LEFT IN THE WORLD...AND IF WE ARE TO REMAIN SO, WE MUST

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TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE OUR WORKFORCE AND PRODUCTS **COMPETE AND SUCCEED IN** WORLD MARKET. MANDATES THE FIRST STEP WE NEED TO TAKE IS TO GET CONGRESS AND THE GOVERNMENT OUT OF MOST OF YOUR BUSINESS **DECISIONS.**

CONGRESS CAN NOT RESIST PASSING NEW LAWS AND SPENDING PROGRAMS. IT USED TO BE THAT THE FEDERAL **GOVERNMENT WOULD PAY FOR** THESE PROGRAMS. BUT THEN WE REALIZED THAT WE WERE **BROKE, AND CONGRESS TOLD** THE STATES THEY COULD PAY FOR THEM. BUT NOW, MANY OF

THE STATES ARE BROKE, AND **CONGRESS HAS LOOKED** AROUND AND SAID, "AHA! YOU, MR. BUSINESSMAN OR **BUSINESSWOMAN CAN PAY FOR THESE PROGRAMS."** THIS FALL, WE'LL BE **DEBATING ONCE AGAIN A** WHOLE LAUNDRY LIST OF **CONGRESSIONAL MANDATES--**

PARENTAL LEAVE, MANDATORY **HEALTH CARE, A SO-CALLED CIVIL RIGHTS BILL.** NOW, ALL OF THESE SOUND LIKE GOOD IDEAS...HOW CAN YOU OPPOSE TAKING TIME OFF WHEN A CHILD IS BORN OR A **RELATIVE IS SICK?** BUT THESE PROGRAMS **AREN'T FREE...THEY CARRY**

STIFF PRICE TAGS...PRICE TAGS THAT HARM BUSINESSES AND HINDER OUR COMPETITIVENESS. **INSTEAD OF MANDATES, WHY** DON'T WE ADOPT A PROGRAM THAT PROMOTES AND DOESN'T STIFLE GROWTH--A PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES CAPITAL GAINS TAX CUTS.

PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM: AND LET'S GIVE DAN QUAYLE SOME CREDIT. HE WAS RIGHT **ON TARGET LAST MONTH WHEN** HE SAID THAT THE U.S. LEGAL SYSTEM UNDERMINES OUR **COMPETITIVENESS AND PROSPERITY**. FORFIGN MANUFACTURERS **CAN HAVE PRODUCT LIABILITY**

INSURANCE RATES AS LITTLE AS 2% OF THE RATES U.S. **MANUFACTURERS PAY...AND IT'S** ONLY IN THE U.S. THAT SAFE PRODUCTS, NOTABLY DRUGS, ARE TAKEN FROM THE MARKET SIMPLY BECAUSE PROFIT MARGIN DOESN'T COVER THE **COST OF DEFENDING** FRIVOLOUS LAWSUITS.

INDEED, A RECENT BUSINESS STUDY REVEALED THAT: 47% OF U.S. MANUFACTURERS HAVE WITHDRAWN PRODUCTS FROM THE MARKET. 25% OF U.S. MANUFACTURERS HAVE DISCONTINUED SOME FORMS OF PRODUCT RESEARCH.

APPROXIMATELY 15% OF U.S. COMPANIES HAVE LAID OFF WORKERS AS A DIRECT RESULT **OF PRODUCT LIABILITY** EXPERIENCE. **DESPITE THESE NUMBERS**, THE LIKELIHOOD OF PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM IS ALMOST ZERO. THE TRIAL LAWYERS ARE A VERY POWERFUL LOBBY IN

THIS TOWN. THEY GIVE LOTS OF **MONEY--MOSTLY TO ONE PARTY-**-AND THE STATUS QUO CONTINUES. **EDUCATION:** AND THE STATUS QUO HAS **CONTINUED FOR FAR TOO LONG** IN OUR SCHOOLS. PRESIDENT **BUSH AND SECRETARY ALEXANDER ARE ABSOLUTELY**

RIGHT IN TRYING TO SHAKE UP OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM. IF AMERICA IS TO COMPETE IN THE FUTURE, THEN WE MUST **BE SURE THAT OUR YOUTH ARE RECEIVING SKILLS AND EDUCATION NEEDED TO** COMPETE...IT'S CLEAR THAT JUST ISN'T HAPPEN.

DROP OUT RATES CONTINUE **TO SKY ROCKET---REACHING 50% IN SOME INNER-CITY** SCHOOLS. IN TESTS COMPARING THE MATH AND SCIENCE SKILLS OF **AMERICA'S 13 YEAR-OLDS WITH** THOSE OF FIVE FOREIGN **COUNTRIES AND FOUR CANADIAN PROVINCES,**

AMERICA'S STUDENTS FINISHED DEAD LAST. **NEARLY 50% OF ADVANCED** DEGREES IN MATH AND **ENGINEERING OFFERED BY U.S. UNIVERSITIES ARE NOW AWARDED TO FOREIGN** STUDENTS. THERE CONTINUE TO BE THOSE IN CONGRESS WHO SAY

THE WAY TO IMPROVE **EDUCATION IS TO SPEND MORE** MONEY. THE SIMPLE FACT IS HOWEVER, THAT DOLLAR BILLS DON'T EDUCATE STUDENTS. IN FACT, THE UNITED STATES SPENDS MORE PER STUDENT THAN EITHER GERMANY OR JAPAN. TEN YEARS AGO, THE NATION SPENT \$2,491 PER

PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT BELOW THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL. THIS YEAR THE FIGURE WILL BE \$5,638--AN INCREASE OF 33% AND WITH VERBAL SCHOLASTIC **APTITUDE TESTS DECLINING FOR** THE FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYONE HERE IN THE ROOM WHO WOULD SAY THAT WE'VE SEEN A

33% IMPROVEMENT IN OUR SCHOOLS' PERFORMANCE. **BUDGET DEFICIT** AND FINALLY, IF AMERICA WANTS TO COMPETE, THAN WE'VE GOT TO PUT OUR OWN FINANCIAL HOUSE IN ORDER. I WAS VERY DISCOURAGED **EARLIER THIS WEEK--THERE'S**

NO DOUBT THAT

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS SHOULD HAVE BEEN EXTENDED. AND I HAD A PLAN THAT WOULD HAVE DONE SO, AND WOULD **HAVE PAID FOR THE EXPENSES--**AS WE AGREED TO DO IN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET AGREEMENT. THE DEMOCRATS PLAN WAS **MORE EXPENSIVE, MORE GENEROUS, AND JUST TACKED**

DEFICIT...AND YOU KNOW WHICH ONE PASSED. **BEFORE I TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS, I WANT TO SHARE A** STORY WITH YOU (WITHHOLDING LETTER STORY) THE POINT OF THE STORY IS THAT ONE THING WE DON'T WANT TO BE UNDECIDED ABOUT

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IS THE FACT THAT ACTION MUST **BE TAKEN IF AMERICA IS TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE.** WOULD HOPE THAT WHILE YOU'RE IN TOWN, YOU WOULD TAKE THE TIME TO GO VISIT YOUR CONGRESSMAN AND SENATOR, AND SHARE YOUR CONCERNS. IF I'M NOT **MISTAKEN, NEXT YEAR IS AN**

ELECTION YEAR, AND

CONGRESS'S HEARING ALWAYS IMPROVES...

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