

*Feb 17, 1993*

TO: Senator Dole  
FR: Kerry

RE: National Association of Postmasters

\*You will be speaking to approximately 700 delegates to  
Postmaster's convention.

\*You will be introduced by their President, James Miller,  
Postmaster of Junction City, Kansas.

\*Format is 10-15 minutes of remarks on current events.

SPEAK

Wednesday-February 17



JAMES F. MILLER  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Ballroom  
Hyatt Regency-Capitol Hill

Senator's convenience  
between 8:30 a.m. - Noon

November 11, 1992

Honorable Robert Dole  
United States Senate  
Washington DC 20510

Dear Bob:

Having learned from the Washington Post, Newsweek and numerous other publications that you are now the most influential republican in Washington, DC, and rightfully have earned the title, Mr. Republican, I'm going to remind you of a statement made in February, 1992. We had invited you to attend and speak at our annual Legislative Rally at the Hyatt Regency-Capitol Hill. You were unaware that I was the national president for NAPUS for 1992-93. You said certainly ask you for 1993. So I'm asking.

Our Leadership Conference will begin on February 14, 1993 and will conclude on February 18, 1993. The Legislative Rally will be held on the morning of Wednesday, February 17, 1993. Naturally, our large Kansas delegation would love to see you, as would the more than 800 postmasters and guests from all over the United States in attendance. We hope you can be with us. Give my regards to Elizabeth and Leader.

Sincerely,

James F. Miller

11-19-92 Letter in letter



**SENATOR BOB DOLE**  
**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF**  
**POSTMASTERS**  
**FEBRUARY 17, 1993**

**\*THANK YOU. LET ME OFFER**  
**MY GREETINGS TO YOUR**  
**PRESIDENT, JIM MILLER, WHO IS**  
**BETTER KNOWN TO ME AS THE**  
**POSTMASTER OF JUNCTION**  
**CITY, KANSAS.**



**\*I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT  
ANY GROUP THAT ELECTS A  
<sup>AS</sup>  
KANSAN PRESIDENT CAN'T BE  
ALL BAD.**

**\*NOW THAT WE HAVE A  
STAMP HONORING ELVIS  
PRESLEY, I THINK THAT  
POSTMASTERS SHOULD GET  
BUSY ON ISSUING A STAMP TO  
HONOR ROSS PEROT.**

**\*AFTER ALL, HIS CALL FOR  
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT HAS LED  
TO A MASSIVE INCREASE IN THE  
LETTERS WE'RE RECEIVING IN  
WASHINGTON, AND IN YOUR  
BUSINESS.**

**\*IF YOU DID PRINT A PEROT  
STAMP, IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT  
INSTEAD OF PAYING FOR IT,  
ROSS WOULD SEND YOU 29**

**CENTS EVERY TIME YOU  
BOUGHT ONE.**

**\*YOU'RE CERTAINLY IN  
WASHINGTON AT A VERY  
INTERESTING TIME. AS YOU ALL  
KNOW, PRESIDENT CLINTON  
WILL COME BEFORE CONGRESS  
TONIGHT TO PROVIDE A  
“BLUEPRINT” TO HIS ECONOMIC  
PLAN.**



**\*IT'S BEEN A ROCKY FIRST  
MONTH FOR PRESIDENT  
CLINTON. HE TOLD AMERICA  
THAT ONCE IN OFFICE, HE  
WOULD "FOCUS LIKE A LASER  
BEAM ON THE ECONOMY."**

**\*INSTEAD, HE AND AMERICA  
HAVE SPENT THE FIRST MONTH  
FOCUSING ON AN  
UNNECESSARY DEBATE OVER**

**GAYS IN THE MILITARY, A MESSY  
SEARCH FOR AN ATTORNEY  
GENERAL, AND A MEDIA FOCUS  
ON THE POWER AND INFLUENCE  
OF THE FIRST LADY--ISSUES  
THAT DON'T HAVE ONE WHIT OF  
IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY.**

**\*ALL THAT, HOWEVER, WILL  
CHANGE TONIGHT. I'M GOING  
TO THE WHITE HOUSE THIS**



**AFTERNOON TO RECEIVE A  
BRIEFING FROM THE PRESIDENT  
ON WHAT HE'LL SAY TONIGHT.**

**\*IF IT'S ANYTHING LIKE HE  
TOLD THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
ON MONDAY NIGHT, WE WILL  
HEAR A LOT ABOUT "SACRIFICE."**

**\*I TOLD THE PRESIDENT AND  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT  
REPUBLICANS WERE WILLING TO**

**COOPERATE, AS LONG AS  
"SACRIFICE" ISN'T A CODE WORD  
FOR MORE TAXES, MORE  
SPENDING, AND MORE  
MANDATES FROM WASHINGTON.**

**\*AND EARLY INDICATIONS  
ARE THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT  
THE CLINTON ECONOMIC  
PACKAGE WILL BE**

**\*NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. OUR 4  
TRILLION DOLLAR DEBT IS  
PUBLIC ENEMY #1,  
THREATENING NOT ONLY OUR  
FUTURE, BUT THE ECONOMIC  
FUTURES OF OUR CHILDREN  
AND GRANDCHILDREN, AS WELL.**

**\*THE DEFICIT MUST BE  
REDUCED, BUT IT CAN ONLY BE  
REDUCED THROUGH RESTRAINT**



**IN FEDERAL SPENDING...AND I'M**  
**UNSURE WHETHER THE**  
**PRESIDENT AND THE**  
**CONSTITUENCIES THAT ELECTED**  
**HIM TRULY UNDERSTAND THAT**  
**FACT.**

**\*THE PRESIDENT SAID THE**  
**OTHER NIGHT THAT HE'S BEEN**  
**IN WASHINGTON 27 DAYS, AND**  
**HE HASN'T FOUND MUCH**

**COMMON SENSE YET. WELL,  
THAT'S BECAUSE HE HASN'T  
SPENT MUCH TIME TALKING TO  
REPUBLICANS. SO LET ME GIVE  
HIM A LITTLE COMMON SENSE  
RIGHT NOW.**

**\*THE FACT IS THAT SINCE  
1947, EVERY DOLLAR IN NEW  
TAXES HAS RESULTED IN \$1.59  
IN NEW SPENDING.**

**\*BEFORE PRESIDENT CLINTON  
DEMANDS THAT AMERICANS  
SEND ONE MORE DIME TO  
WASHINGTON, AMERICANS  
SHOULD DEMAND THAT THE  
PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS  
ENSURE THAT EVERY OUTDATED  
PROGRAM, EVERY BLOATED  
AGENCY, AND EVERY ITEM IN  
THE FEDERAL BUDGET TAKE THE**



**HIT THEY DESERVE.**

**\*AND FROM WHAT I HEAR  
COMING OUT OF THE WHITE  
HOUSE, THAT'S JUST NOT GOING  
TO HAPPEN.**

**\*THE WORD IS THAT THE  
PRESIDENT WILL BE PROPOSING  
\$200 BILLION IN CUTS OVER A  
FIVE YEAR PERIOD--BUT  
APPROXIMATELY \$150 BILLION**

**OF THAT WILL COME FROM  
DEFENSE.**

**\*THE BI-PARTISAN NATIONAL  
GOVERNOR'S ASSOCIATION  
RECOMMENDED THAT FOR  
EVERY DOLLAR IN PROPOSED  
TAXES, THE PRESIDENT  
PROPOSE 2.7 DOLLARS IN  
SPENDING CUTS.**

**\*PRESIDENT CLINTON'S  
PROPOSAL, HOWEVER, MAY BE  
AT A ONE TO ONE RATIO...FOR  
HE IS LIKELY TO PROPOSE A  
MASSIVE \$250 BILLION  
INCREASE IN TAXES OVER FIVE  
YEARS...THE LARGEST TAX  
INCREASE IN HISTORY.**

**\*AND AS GEORGE  
STEPHANOPOLOUS ADMITTED**



**THE OTHER DAY, THOSE TAX  
INCREASES WILL IMPACT  
PEOPLE NOT JUST MAKING  
\$200,000 AND MORE...NOT JUST  
MAKING \$100,000 AND  
MORE....BUT ALL THOSE  
AMERICANS MAKING \$30,000  
AND UP.**

**\*NOW, I REMEMBER IN LAST  
FALL'S PRESIDENTIAL**

**CAMPAIGN, WHEN PRESIDENT  
BUSH WARNED THAT CLINTON  
WOULD BE RAISING TAXES ON  
EVERY INDIVIDUAL WITH OVER  
\$36,000 A YEAR IN INCOME.**

**\*CLINTON BACKERS AND THE  
MEDIA WERE OUTRAGED AT THIS  
ACCUSATION, SAYING THAT  
CLINTON WAS PROMISING A TAX  
CUT FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS,**

**AND THAT ONLY THE RICH  
WOULD BE SOAKED.**

**\*TONIGHT WE'LL FIND OUT  
JUST HOW MANY AMERICANS  
WILL BE TAKING THE "TAX-  
INCREASE BATH."**

**\*PRESIDENT CLINTON ALSO  
SPENT A GOOD DEAL OF TIME  
ON MONDAY NIGHT BASHING  
PRESIDENT BUSH FOR THE**



## **STATE OF OUR ECONOMY.**

**\*THE FACT IS THAT INSTEAD  
OF BASHING PRESIDENT BUSH,  
HE SHOULD BE THANKING HIM,  
AS THE GOOD NEWS ON THE  
NATIONAL ECONOMIC FRONT  
CONTINUES TO POUR IN.**

**\*GROWTH WAS UP 3.8% IN  
THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1992--  
THE LARGEST INCREASE IN 4**

**YEARS, AND THE SEVENTH  
CONSECUTIVE QUARTERLY GAIN.**

**\*THE LABOR DEPARTMENT  
REPORTED THAT THE  
PRODUCTIVITY OF AMERICAN  
WORKERS JUMPED 2.7% IN 1992-  
-THE BIGGEST ANNUAL  
INCREASE IN 20 YEARS.**

**\*AMERICAN CAR SALES ARE  
AT A 2 YEAR HIGH...HOUSING**

**STARTS ARE UP MORE THAN  
16% FROM A YEAR  
AGO...INDEED, HOUSING IS  
MORE AFFORDABLE THAN ANY  
OTHER TIME IN THE LAST 30  
YEARS...FACTORY ORDERS UP  
8.7%..AND EVEN THE STOCK  
MARKET WAS SOARING--UNTIL  
YESTERDAY, WHEN WALL  
STREET GOT WIND OF THE**



# **PRESIDENT'S TAX INCREASE PLANS.**

**\*AND HERE'S ONE THAT MAY  
SURPRISE YOU GIVEN WHAT YOU  
HEAR FROM THE MEDIA--BUT  
THERE ARE 1.5 MILLION MORE  
JOBS IN THE AMERICAN  
ECONOMY THAN THERE WERE A  
YEAR AGO.**

**\*GIVEN THESE NUMBERS, I'VE  
TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT I  
DON'T THINK THERE A NEED  
FOR AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS  
PACKAGE--WHETHER IT'S \$15  
BILLION, \$20 BILLION OR \$25  
BILLION--I DON'T THINK IT WILL  
HELP MUCH IN A TRILLION  
DOLLAR ECONOMY...BUT IT WILL  
ADD TO OUR \$300 BILLION**

**DEFICIT.**

**\*MORE TAXES AND MORE  
SPENDING ARE BAD ENOUGH.  
BUT PRESIDENT CLINTON AND  
THE DEMOCRAT CONTROLLED  
CONGRESS ARE ALSO FOUR  
SQUARE IN FAVOR OF MORE  
MANDATES.**

**\*THE FIRST BILL PASSED BY  
CONGRESS WAS THE PARENTAL**



**LEAVE BILL. PARENTAL LEAVE  
IS A NICE IDEA AND MOST  
EMPLOYERS WERE ALREADY  
PROVIDING IT. BUT NOW WE  
HAVE UNCLE SAM STEPPING IN  
WITH A ONE-SIZE FITS ALL  
POLICY FOR ALL BUSINESS WHO  
EMPLOY 50 PEOPLE OR MORE.**

**\*GIVEN THE COSTS OF THIS  
BILL, I THINK YOU'LL SEE A LOT**

**OF EMPLOYERS NOT EXPANDING  
BEYOND 49 EMPLOYEES.**

**\*ANOTHER MANDATE MIGHT  
COME IN THE AREA OF HEALTH  
CARE...AN ISSUE WHICH  
AMERICANS NOW PLACE AT THE  
TOP OF THE LIST OF ISSUES  
THEY WANT GOVERNMENT TO  
ADDRESS.**

**\*I MET WITH MRS. CLINTON  
LAST WEEK, AND TOLD HER  
THAT REPUBLICANS WANTED TO  
BE PART OF THE  
SOLUTION...THIS IS AN ISSUE  
THAT MUST HAVE BI-PARTISAN  
COOPERATION. LAST YEAR,  
THERE WERE MORE THAN  
THIRTY HEALTH REFORM  
PROPOSALS IN CONGRESS, FEW**



**OF WHICH HAD MORE THAN A  
HANDFUL OF SPONSORS.**

**\*I ALSO TOLD MRS. CLINTON  
THAT WHATEVER PLAN WE  
ARRIVE AT MUST BE FLEXIBLE  
ENOUGH TO ADDRESS NOT  
ONLY THE NEEDS OF NEW YORK  
CITY...BUT ALSO OF RUSSELL,  
KANSAS.**

**\*I BELIEVE THAT STATES  
SHOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE  
THE FLEXIBILITY TO FIND OUT  
WHAT WORKS BEST FOR THEIR  
OWN NEEDS, WITHOUT BEING  
SADDLED WITH MANDATES.**

**\*IN CLOSING, LET ME AGAIN  
THANK YOU FOR THE ROLE YOU  
PLAY IN OUR DEMOCRACY--  
ALTHOUGH, I HAVE TO ADMIT**

**THAT NOT ALL OF THE LETTERS I  
RECEIVE ARE COMPLIMENTARY.  
ONE I ESPECIALLY  
REMEMBER...(INTEREST  
WITHHOLDING LETTER)**

**\*THANK YOU.**