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Christian Coalition

August 16, 1993

The Honorable Robert Dole
Hart Building 141
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

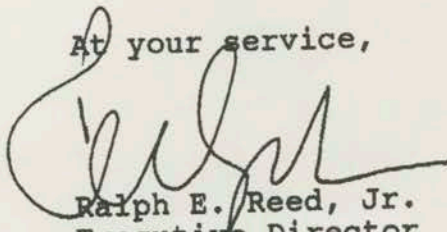
This is to confirm your attendance at the Christian Coalition Road to Victory Conference and Strategy Briefing in Washington on Friday, September 10.

You are scheduled to address the conference at 11:30 a.m. on the subject "The U.S. Senate Leader's Report" in the International Ballroom. You should plan to speak for approximately 20 minutes and take questions from the audience for 10 minutes.

The conference will be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel and Towers, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, (202) 797-5775.

We are delighted that you will be able to join us. We are expecting 2,000 attendees from all 50 states. I look forward to seeing you on September 10. Please be in touch with me in the weeks ahead if you need further assistance.

At your service,



Ralph E. Reed, Jr.
Executive Director

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Christian Political Soldier Helps Revive Movement

Ralph Reed Broadens Agenda to Appeal to More Voters—and Presidential Contenders

By Thomas B. Edsall
Washington Post Staff Writer

Over the past year, Ralph Reed, 32-year-old whose angelic smile masks an iron will to win, has helped engineer the political revival of the Christian right, a movement threatened after the Republican National Convention in Houston.

"I am in the political arena and my job is to win," Reed said as he prepared for the start of a three-day meeting here of the Christian Coalition. "If you are a middle linebacker for the Chicago Bears and you are an agnostic, and if you are a middle linebacker for the Chicago Bears and you are a Christian, your job is the same: If a running back comes over the middle, you lay him to the ground."

In the wake of the GOP convention and then the victory of Democrat Bill Clinton in November, the moderate wing of the Republican Party rose up against the Christian right. Some Republicans contended that the harsh speeches of televangelist Pat Robertson and gunnism Patrick J. Buchanan, along with the party's adamant abortion stand, were driving voters into the ranks of the opposition. Today and Saturday, however, at least four potential Republican presidential candidates, including

Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole (R-Kan.) and former House Speaker Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.), are scheduled to speak at the organization founded by Robertson and run by Reed. And the power of the Christian Coalition and allied local organizations appears to be growing. The movement either dominates or is



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Christian Coalition director Ralph Reed, left, and Rep. Jim Leach (R-Iowa) discuss future of mainstream GOP politics after 1992 presidential defeat. Four potential 1996 hopefuls will speak to Reed's group here this weekend.

yesterday, he called reporters around the room by their first names—and displays an openness not always typical of the Christian right.

But more important, he raised from the ashes of Robertson's failed 1988 presidential bid an organization that within the Republican Party has influence that rivals, if not eclipses, that of the United Auto Workers or the National Organization for Women within the Demo-

cratic Party. "The end result than the path by which he got there," said high school classmate and friend Donald Singer, now a college history instructor. He described Reed as intensely ideological and driven.

Active in the campaigns of such leaders of the "Reagan Revolution" as Rep. Newt Gingrich and former senator Mack Mattingly, both Georgia Republicans, Reed was moving in the time-honored direction of Washington political operatives.

"Lee Atwater [the now-deceased Republican Nation-

That changed, he contends, with his decision to become a devout Christian. That night in Bullfeathers, he said, he went to the Yellow Pages and randomly picked a church in Camp Springs, the Evangel Assembly, where the next morning, he made his religious commitment.

After that decision, he said, being in politics remained "not different from being in a boxing match and throwing your best punch," with the main change being, "I just am not going to throw a kidney punch."

As Reed struggles to bring the conservative Christian movement back from the problems of 1992, he is haunted by some of his most memorable lines. They gave the movement a sinister and threatening quality.

In late 1991, he told the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: "I want to be invisible. I do guerrilla warfare. I paint my face and travel at night. You don't know it's over until you're in a body bag." In March 1992, the Los Angeles Times quoted him saying: "It's better to move quietly, with stealth, under cover of night. . . . It comes down to whether you want to be the British army in the Revolutionary War or the Viet Cong. History tells us which tactic was more effective."

Reed, who denies making the statement quoted in the Times, contends that the "guerrilla warfare" image was meant to describe a shift by the Christian right

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lege Republicans of the Georgia college Republicans.

"He was more concerned with any elections."

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Senator Dole
FROM: Yvonne
DATE: August 6, 1993

-- Ralph Reed with the Christian Coalition said 11:30-12:00 slot is open for you to speak prior to their luncheon on Friday, September 10 at the Hilton Hotel. Their luncheon is from 12:00 Noon to 2:30 p.m. You are scheduled to speak to the Nat'l Association of Towns & Townships on Friday, Sept. 10 at 2:30 p.m. at the Hyatt.

_____ move speech to Fri at 11:30 a.m.

_____ leave speech at 9:00 a.m. on Sat, Sept. 11

_____ other



Christian Coalition

July 12, 1993

The Honorable Robert Dole
Hart Building 141
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Bob:

My congratulations to you on now having 43 Republican colleagues in the U.S. Senate. I look forward to working with you to increase that number significantly in 1994.

Bob, I just wanted to drop you a line and personally invite you to be my guest at the Christian Coalition Road to Victory Conference, the largest pro-family strategy session in 1993, which will be held on Septmeber 10 and 11 at the Hilton Hotel and Towers in Washington, D.C. We are expecting between two and three thousand grassroots activists from all 50 states to be in attendance, and I know they would be thrilled to hear an address from you.

Our confirmed speakers already include Bill Bennett, Oliver North, Phyllis Schlafly, Tom Delay, Newt Gingrich, and many other prominent political leaders. I would be honored to have you join this distinguished group of speakers at what I expect to be one of the most exciting conservative events to be held this year.

I look forward to seeing you at the Road to Victory Conference in September. Just let me know which day and what time is most convenient for you. Please feel free to have your staff contact my associate, Ralph Reed, to arrange for your attendance. God bless you for your leadership. I am

Sincerely,

Pat Robertson

Yvonne - To
Put in his next
batch of scheduling
Request -

Kerry

SENATOR BOB DOLE
CHRISTIAN COALITION
SEPTEMBER 10, 1993

**I KNOW I DON'T HAVE TO TELL
THIS GROUP THAT FEW
SENATORS HAVE FOUGHT
HARDER FOR THE AMERICAN
FAMILY THAN JESSE HELMS.
SO THANK YOU, JESSE, NOT
ONLY FOR THAT INTRODUCTION,**

**BUT FOR YOUR YEARS OF
SERVICE TO NORTH CAROLINA
AND AMERICA.**

**AND BEFORE I LEFT HOME
THIS MORNING, ANOTHER
NORTH CAROLINIAN--MY WIFE,
ELIZABETH--ASKED MET TO
PASS ALONG HER GREETINGS.
YOU KNOW, WHEN I SPEAK,
SOME PEOPLE THINK I'M JUST**

**ANOTHER POLITICIAN ASKING
FOR MONEY. WELL, WHEN
ELIZABETH SPEAKS, SHE ASKS
FOR YOUR BLOOD AND YOUR
MONEY.**

**I KNOW YOU'VE HAD QUITE A
FEW SPEECHES THIS MORNING,
AND HAVE MORE COMING UP
THIS AFTERNOON, SO I'LL TRY
AND KEEP MY REMARKS BRIEF**

**AND LEAVE TIME FOR
QUESTIONS.**

**I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS
AND SOME BAD NEWS THIS
MORNING. AND I'LL BEGIN WITH
THE BAD NEWS. THIS IS THE
WHITE HOUSE. (HOLD UP
PHOTO) AND THIS IS AS CLOSE
AS YOU'RE GOING TO GET TO IT
FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.**

BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT
YOUR CONFERENCE THEME IS
CORRECT. THE TIDE IS TURNING
AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
ARE COMING OUR WAY.

BEGINNING IN GEORGIA WITH
PAUL COVERDELL...AND THEN IN
LOS ANGELES WITH DICK
RIORDAN...AND THEN TEXAS
WITH KAY BAILEY

**HUTCHISON...AND THEN IN
ARKANSAS WITH MIKE
HUCKABEE, REPUBLICAN
CANDIDATES HAVE WON SOME
BIG BIG VICTORIES.**

**AND, IN MANY OF THOSE
ELECTIONS--ESPECIALLY IN
GEORGIA AND ARKANSAS--THE
MARGIN OF VICTORY WAS
PROVIDED BY VOTERS LIKE**

**YOU...VOTERS WHO SHARE
YOUR CONCERNS AND YOUR
VALUES...VOTERS WHO THINK
AMERICA'S FAMILIES DON'T
NEED TO BE SADDLED WITH
MORE TAXES...VOTERS WHO
WANT GOVERNMENT TO CUT
SPENDING FIRST.**

**SO, THANK YOU FOR THE
VITAL ROLE YOU PLAY IN THE**

REPUBLICAN PARTY, AND THE
VITAL ROLE YOU PLAY IN
AMERICA. AND LET ME JUST
SAY THAT WE NEED YOUR
PARTICIPATION IN THE DAYS
AND MONTHS AHEAD IF WE'RE
GOING TO KEEP THAT TIDE
MOVING IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION.

AND I WOULD URGE ALL OF
YOU--REPUBLICAN, DEMOCRAT,
OR INDEPENDENT--TO REMAIN
ACTIVE IN THE GREAT DEBATES
OF OUR TIME. MY VIEW HAS
ALWAYS BEEN THAT THE MORE
PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED IN OUR
DEMOCRACY, THE BETTER. AND
THE MORE PEOPLE THAT ARE

**INVOLVED IN THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY, THE BETTER.**

**IN FACT, FOR THOSE OF YOU
WHO MIGHT LEAN TOWARD THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY, WE'RE
LOOKING FOR SOME
CHALLENGERS FOR A FEW
SEATS...WE PAY RELOCATION
COSTS.**

**I ALSO WANT TO THANK PAT
ROBERTSON, RALPH REED, AND
ALL OF YOU FOR THE HELP YOU
PROVIDED IN OUR FIGHT TO
DEFEAT THE PRESIDENT'S
BUDGET AND TO CUT SPENDING
FIRST.**

**AS YOU KNOW, THE
CHRISTIAN COALITION RAN
RADIO ADS OPPOSING THE PLAN**

IN 11 STATES...AND I
CONGRATULATE PAT AND RALPH
FOR MOVING THIS
ORGANIZATION BEYOND
CULTURAL ISSUES, AND INTO
THE CENTER OF DEBATE ON
ECONOMIC ISSUES.

THAT'S A NATURAL PLACE
FOR YOU TO BE, BECAUSE, NO
DOUBT ABOUT IT, IT'S THE

**ECONOMIC ISSUES--ISSUES LIKE
TAX POLICY, WELFARE REFORM,
AND HEALTH CARE--THAT ARE
MOST IMPORTANT TO
AMERICA'S FAMILIES.**

**AND IT WAS AMERICA'S
FAMILIES THAT WERE
FOREMOST IN THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY'S MIND DURING THIS
SUMMER'S BUDGET DEBATE.**

**WE BELIEVE THAT AMERICA'S
FAMILIES DID NOT NEED, AND
MANY COULD NOT AFFORD, A
BIG INCREASE IN THEIR TAXES.**

**WE BELIEVE THAT HITTING
SMALL BUSINESSES WITH A TAX
INCREASE WOULD PUT A LOT OF
MOTHERS AND FATHERS OUT OF
WORK, AND WOULD DESTROY**

**FUTURE JOB OPPORTUNITIES
FOR OUR CHILDREN.**

**WE BELIEVE THAT THE
GOVERNMENT CAN NOT TAX,
SPEND, AND MANDATE ITS WAY
BACK TO PROSPERITY.**

**AND WHILE WE DID NOT WIN
IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE--I
BELIEVE WE DID WIN THE
SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN**

PEOPLE--AND OUR POSITION IS
BEING PROVED TO BE CORRECT.

THERE WERE A LOT OF
CHARGES AND COUNTER
CHARGES, AND A LOT OF
ECONOMIC CHARTS FLYING
AROUND DURING THE BUDGET
DEBATE.

BUT THIS WEEK, THE
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET

OFFICE RELEASED IT'S MID-
SESSION REVIEW OF THE
BUDGET. AND THE CBO--WHICH
PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS
CONSISTENTLY PRAISED--
CONCLUDED THAT WE WERE
RIGHT.

THE REVIEW SHOWED THAT
THE CLINTON BUDGET PLAN
WILL NOT REDUCE THE DEFICIT

**BY \$505 BILLION AS CLAIMED BY
THE WHITE HOUSE, OR EVEN
\$496 BILLION, AS CLAIMED BY
CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS.
ACCORDING TO CBO, TOTAL
DEFICIT REDUCTION WILL BE
CLOSER TO \$432 BILLION OVER
5 YEARS. THOSE NUMBERS ARE
VERY CLOSE TO THE ONES
REPUBLICANS WERE CRITICIZED**

**FOR DURING THE BUDGET
DEBATE. AND IT'S IMPORTANT
TO REMEMBER THAT AFTER THE
INITIAL DEFICIT REDUCTION
CAUSED BY THE PRESIDENT'S
MASSIVE TAX INCREASE, THE
DEFICIT WILL SKYROCKET BACK
UP.**

**BUT THE CBO DID AGREE
WITH THE WHITE HOUSE ON ONE**

**POINT--THE FACT THAT OVER
THE NEXT FIVE YEARS,
ECONOMIC GROWTH WILL
NEVER GROW AT A RATE
EXCEEDING 2.7%. REMEMBER
THAT DURING THE CAMPAIGN,
PRESIDENT BUSH WAS
DRAGGED THROUGH THE MUD
BECAUSE ECONOMIC GROWTH
IN 1992 WAS "ONLY" 3.9%**

**WHY THE ECONOMIC
SLOWDOWN? MY BELIEF IS
THAT THE PRESIDENT'S TAX AND
SPEND BUDGET PLAN AND THE
THREAT OF MORE TAXES TO PAY
FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM HAS
BUSINESS--ESPECIALLY SMALL
BUSINESS--WORRIED SICK.**

**AND SMALL BUSINESS HAS
BEEN THE ENGINE THAT**

**SPURRED AMERICA'S GROWTH
IN THE 1980'S--FIRMS WITH
FEWER THAN 500 EMPLOYEES
ACCOUNTED FOR TEN MILLION
OF THE DECADES 18.4 MILLION
NEW JOBS.**

**SMALL BUSINESSMEN AND
WOMEN ARE TELLING ME THAT
THEY ARE REACTING TO TAX
INCREASES THE ONLY WAY THEY**

**COULD. BY CUTTING COSTS. BY
NOT BUYING THAT PIECE OF
EQUIPMENT. BY NOT HIRING
THAT NEW WORKER, OR
OPENING THAT NEW OFFICE.**

**AND NOW THEY'RE READING
REPORTS THAT THE
PRESIDENT'S HEALTH CARE
PLAN WILL INVOLVE A BIG
INCREASE IN THEIR PAYROLL**

**TAX. AND THAT WILL MEAN
FURTHER CUTBACKS, FEWER
PURCHASES, AND FEWER NEW
JOBS.**

HEALTH CARE

**LET ME BE CLEAR IN SAYING
THAT IF AMERICA IS TO
CONTINUE ITS LEADERSHIP
ROLE AS AN ECONOMIC
POWERHOUSE, THEN WE MUST**

REFORM OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

HEALTH CARE HAS LONG
BEEN A SPECIAL CONCERN OF
MINE. I GREW UP IN AN ERA
WHERE HEALTH INSURANCE
WASN'T A REALITY FOR MOST
AMERICANS. MANY OF THE
HOSPITAL BILLS I FACED AFTER
WORLD WAR II WERE FINANCED

**BY THE PEOPLE OF RUSSELL,
KANSAS. A FEW OF MY FRIENDS
CREATED THE "BOB DOLE FUND."
IT BEGAN WITH A FEW DOLLARS
TOSSED INTO AN OLD CIGAR
BOX, AND EXPANDED FROM
THERE. FROM THIRTY CENTS TO
A HUNDRED DOLLARS, DOZENS
OF MY NEIGHBORS DUG INTO
THEIR POCKETS TO GIVE**

**WHATEVER THEY COULD. IN THE
END, THE CONTRIBUTIONS
ADDED UP TO AROUND
EIGHTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS.**

**SO I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO
WORRY ABOUT HOW YOU'RE
GOING TO PAY FOR HEALTH
CARE, AND I KNOW IT'S
SOMETHING THAT NO AMERICAN
SHOULD HAVE TO EXPERIENCE.**

**MY REPUBLICAN
COLLEAGUES AND I ARE READY
TO WORK WITH PRESIDENT
CLINTON TO ACHIEVE A PLAN
THAT WILL HELP STRENGTHEN
OUR ECONOMY AND MAKE
AMERICA MORE COMPETITIVE.
AND THAT MEANS A PLAN THAT
REDUCES COSTS AND
INCREASES ACCESS. WHAT IT**

**DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, IS
A PLAN THAT REDUCES
INNOVATION AND CHOICE, AND
WHICH INCREASES TAXES AND
MANDATES ON SMALL
BUSINESS.**

**IT HAS TAKEN THE
PRESIDENT, MRS. CLINTON, AND
OTHER ADMINISTRATION
OFFICIALS EIGHT MONTHS TO**

**PUT THEIR PLAN TOGETHER.
AND I SUSPECT THAT IT MIGHT
TAKE CONGRESS THAT LONG TO
ANALYZE THE PLAN, TALK TO
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND
SUGGEST IMPROVEMENTS.**

**I BELIEVE THAT HEALTH CARE
REFORM OFFERS A UNIQUE
OPPORTUNITY FOR
GOVERNMENT TO PROVE TO THE**

**AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT IT CAN
WORK. LET'S NOT BLOW THAT
OPPORTUNITY BY RUSHING
THROUGH LEGISLATION THAT
WILL PUT AMERICANS OUT OF
WORK, OR BY DISMISSING
THOSE WHO MIGHT HAVE
CONCERNS WITH THE CLINTON
PLAN AS NOTHING MORE THAN
A "SPECIAL INTEREST."**

**THIS WAS A STRANGE WEEK
IN WASHINGTON. ON TUESDAY,
PRESIDENT CLINTON AND VICE
PRESIDENT GORE SAID THEY
WANTED TO
"REINVENT" AND SHRINK
GOVERNMENT.**

**AND ON WEDNESDAY, THE
SENATE APPROVED THE
PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL TO**

**CREATE A HUGE NEW \$1.5
BILLION BUREAUCRACY WHICH
GETS THE GOVERNMENT
INVOLVED IN PAYING
VOLUNTEERS.**

**EVER SINCE THE PIONEER
DAYS IN THE MIDWEST WHERE
THE WHOLE COMMUNITY GOT
TOGETHER FOR A BARN-
RAISING, VOLUNTEERISM HAS**

**BEEN PART OF A GREAT
NATIONAL TRADITION--AND WE
CERTAINLY SAW THAT
TRADITION CONTINUED DURING
THE RECENT MIDWESTERN
FLOODS. AND NOW UNCLE SAM
WILL BE STEPPING IN, GIVING
THE FEDERAL SEAL OF
APPROVAL TO CERTAIN
CHARITIES AND ACTIVITIES, AND**

PAYING VOLUNTEERS.

**IT'S A \$1.5 BILLION PROGRAM-
-JUST FOR THE NEXT THREE
YEARS--AND EVERYONE HERE
KNOWS THAT ONCE A
GOVERNMENT PROGRAM GETS
STARTED, IT'S JUST LIKE THE
"EVER READY BUNNY"--IT KEEPS
ON GOING AND GOING AND
GOING, AND GROWING, AND**

**GROWING, AND GROWING.
AND THERE'S ANOTHER BILL
FLOATING AROUND THE
CAPITOL WHICH CERTAINLY
DOESN'T DO A THING TO
REDUCE THE SIZE AND SCOPE
OF GOVERNMENT. IT'S THE
"GOALS 2000" EDUCATION BILL.
AND SOME OF ITS PROVISIONS
SEEK TO REVERSE LOCAL**

**CONTROL OF OUR SCHOOLS
AND IMPOSE WHAT ARE CALLED
"NATIONAL DELIVERY
STANDARDS," WHICH WOULD BE
OVERSEEN BY A "NATIONAL
EDUCATION STANDARDS AND
INVESTMENT COUNCIL."**

**NOW THIS COUNCIL
WOULDN'T CONCERN ITSELF
WITH SOMETHING AS**

**UNIMPORTANT AS WHETHER
OUR STUDENTS ARE ACTUALLY
LEARNING. INSTEAD, THEY
COULD DICTATE CLASS SIZE,
THE NUMBER OF COMPUTERS
PER STUDENT, POSSIBLY EVEN
THE TEXTBOOKS TO BE USED.**

**THE BILL EVEN PREVENTS
FEDERAL MONEY FROM BEING
USED FOR NATIONAL TESTING**

**TO DETERMINE IF THE NEW
FEDERAL STANDARDS WERE
DOING ANY GOOD.**

**I THINK THAT WE CAN EXPECT
THIS ADMINISTRATION TO
CONTINUE TO PROPOSE MORE
BIG-GOVERNMENT, BIG-DOLLAR
SOCIAL PROGRAMS. AND LET
ME ASSURE YOU THAT WHEN
THOSE PROGRAMS GET TO**

**CAPITOL HILL, REPUBLICANS
WILL BE ASKING SOME
QUESTIONS.**

**QUESTIONS LIKE: IS THIS
PROGRAM REALLY NECESSARY?
DOES IT HELP? ARE WE
PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE
AND RISK-TAKING IN
INDIVIDUALS, OR ARE WE GIVING
MORE POWER TO THE**

**GOVERNMENT? ARE WE
STRENGTHENING OR
WEAKENING THE AMERICAN
FAMILY?**

NAFTA

**LET ME TALK VERY BRIEFLY
ABOUT ANOTHER ISSUE OF
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO
AMERICA. AND THAT'S THE**

**NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE
AGREEMENT. I KNOW YOU'VE
HEARD A LOT OF CONFUSING
TALK ABOUT NAFTA--ANY ISSUE
THAT UNITES BILL CLINTON AND
BOB DOLE ON ONE SIDE, AND
JESSE JACKSON, JERRY
BROWN, RALPH NADER, ROSS
PEROT, AND PAT BUCHANAN ON
THE OTHER SIDE HAS TO MAKE**

YOU WONDER.

**TO ME, NAFTA COMES DOWN
TO A QUESTION OF LEADERSHIP.**

**AMERICA HAS A CHOICE. WE
CAN CHOOSE TO CLOSE OUR
DOORS AND TO TRADE ONLY
WITH OURSELF. OR WE CAN
CHOOSE TO PLAY THE ROLE
THAT AMERICA HAS ALWAYS
PLAYED--THAT OF WORLD**

LEADER.

**AND WE CAN CHOOSE TO
PROMOTE FAIR AND OPEN
TRADE, AND TO PROMOTE JOBS,
GROWTH AND PROSPERITY
THROUGHOUT OUR HEMISPHERE
AND THE WORLD.**

**WHAT DISTURBS ME MOST
ABOUT SOME OF THE NAFTA
OPPONENTS IS THE FACT THAT**

**THEY HAVE NO FAITH IN THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE. THEY THINK
THAT IF ALL BARRIERS ARE
LIFTED...IF THERE IS A LEVEL
PLAYING FIELD...THEN
AMERICAN WORKERS AND
AMERICAN BUSINESS CAN'T
COMPETE. THAT WE'RE GOING
TO GET OUR CLOCKS CLEANED.**

I DISAGREE. I THINK
AMERICAN WORKERS AND
AMERICAN BUSINESSES ARE
THE MOST PRODUCTIVE AND
INNOVATIVE IN THE WORLD, AND
MORE MARKETS FOR AMERICA
MEANS MORE JOBS FOR
AMERICANS.

LET ME CLOSE BY SAYING
THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT

AMERICAN EXPORT IS NOT
SOME GOOD OR PRODUCT--
RATHER IT'S FREEDOM AND
DEMOCRACY. AND THAT'S AN
EXPORT THAT HAS SPREAD
ACROSS THE GLOBE THESE
PAST YEARS.

AND EVERY NOW AND THEN, A
DELEGATION FROM ONE OF THE
FORMERLY COMMUNIST

**COUNTRIES COMES INTO MY
OFFICE. THEY COME HERE NOT
SEEKING MONEY--RATHER, THEY
COME SEEKING INSPIRATION
AND ENCOURAGEMENT. THEY
TELL ME THAT "WE WANT TO BE
LIKE YOU. WE WANT TO BE LIKE
AMERICA."**

**AND PAT TOLD ME THAT HE
HEARD THE SAME THING**

**DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO
RUSSIA.**

**I'VE RECEIVED A LOT OF
LETTERS DURING MY YEARS IN
THE SENATE FROM PEOPLE WHO
WANT HELP IN BRINGING A
FAMILY MEMBER OR LOVED ONE
INTO AMERICA....AND I'VE YET
TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM**

**SOMEONE WANTING HELP TO
GET OUT OF AMERICA.**

**SO, YES, AMERICA DOES
HAVE HER PROBLEMS. BUT THE
THING ABOUT AMERICA IS THAT
WE'RE ALWAYS TRYING TO
IMPROVE...WE'RE ALWAYS
TRYING TO DO BETTER.**

**AND THERE SHOULD BE NO
DOUBT ABOUT IT--AMERICA IS**

**THE ONLY REMAINING SUPER
POWER. WE ARE A FORCE FOR
GOOD IN THE WORLD. AND IN
PLACES LIKE BOSNIA, WE
SHOULDN'T ABDICATE THAT
LEADERSHIP BY TURNING OVER
CONTROL OF U.S. FOREIGN
POLICY TO BOUTROUS GHALI
AND THE UNITED NATIONS.**

THE GREAT LESSON OF THIS

PAST DECADE, AND THIS PAST
CENTURY, IS THAT FREEDOM
WORKS. THAT OPPORTUNITY
WORKS. AND THAT THERE IS NO
LIMIT TO WHAT AMERICANS CAN
DO IF GOVERNMENT GETS OUT
OF THE WAY.

THERE ARE STILL QUITE A
FEW IN THIS TOWN WHO DON'T
COMPREHEND THAT LESSON.

AND THE JOB THAT YOU AND I
SHARE IS TO ENSURE THAT
AMERICA DOES NOT TURN AWAY
FROM THE IDEAS AND VALUES
THAT HAVE MADE AMERICA THE
STRONGEST NATION ON
EARTH...THE IDEAS AND VALUES
THAT HAVE INSPIRED MILLIONS
ACROSS THE WORLD TO DREAM
THE AMERICAN DREAM.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS
YOU.**