

BOB DOLE

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APR 22'94 15:44 No.010 P.02

ATTENDEES -- DENVER FUNDRAISER

Phil and Nancy Anschutz
The Anschutz Corporation

(Host)

Sue Anschutz-Rodgers

(Co-Host)

Don Bain
State Party Chairman

Richard and Anne Beatty
Ophthalmologist/Nurse Anesthetist

Bill Berger
President
Berger Associates, Inc.

Burt Boothby
The Cumberland Companies

Bjorn "Erik" and Kathy Borgen
Founders Fund, Inc.

Senator Hank and Nan Brown
(Complimentary)

Burns, Frank and Joy
D.C. Burns Realty and Trust Co.

Kevin and Ginny Conwick
Attorney
Holme, Roberts & Owen

Bill Coors
Adolph Coors Company

(Co-Host)

Cortlandt "Cort" and Martha Dietler
Associated Natural Gas

(Co-Host)

Bob and Joan Donner
Retired

Mary Ann Ehlers
Assistant to Phil Anschutz

Ray and Irene Friedlob
Brenman, Raskin & Friedlob

Charlie and June Gates
Gates Corporation

Neal and Verna Greenwood
(Anschutz's house-couple)

(Complimentary)

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C.Y. ("Cy") and Lyndia Harvey and son, Tyler
Southern Pacific Lines

Don and Jane Hart
Rocky Mountain Angling Club

Pete and Eileen Honnen
Honnen Equipment

Debbie Jensen
Finance Director, Colorado State Party

Jerry and Raye Johnson
US West

Glenn Jones and Dianne Eddols
Jones Intercable, Inc.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard R. Kelley (Rich & Linda)
Owner, Outrigger Hotels, Hawaii

Tom and Carol Luinstra
Apartment Finders International - *ICT*

Bill McCallum and Vicky Frank
Great-West Life Insurance Co.

Landis (Lanny) and Sharon Martin
NL Industries, Inc.

John and Debi Medved
Auto dealer

Joseph and Beverly Morrissey
Holme, Roberts & Owen

Mark E. and Sally Murray
Murray Auto Imports

Ralph and Trish Nagel
Meridian Retirement Communities

Jim and Suzanne Nicholson
Finance Chairman, Colorado Republicans
(In real estate business)

Bill and Barb Pearse
CEO, Soundtrack

Jordon and Essie Perlmutter
Jordon Perlmutter and Co.

Tom Petrie
Petrie Parkman & Co.

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Nick and Nancy Petry
Petry Construction Co.

Tom and Lana Ritzel

LaVoy Robison
Peat Marwick Main & Co.

Norm and Peggy Rooney
West Hazmat Companies

Congressman Dan and Mary Schaefer

(Complimentary)

Harry Sloan (and maybe wife Kathy)
Scandinavian Broadcasting

Karl Stecher, Jr.
Doctor, Dole supporter

(Co-Host)

Tom Stephens
Manville Corporation

Ray Trankle
US West

Milt and Adele Ward
Cyprus-Amax Minerals

APRIL 24, 1994

TO: SENATOR DOLE
FR: CLARKSON (301-718-7399)
RE: MONDAY MORNING TV REQUESTS

YOU HAVE BEEN OFFERED THE FOLLOWING INTERVIEW
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MONDAY MORNING:

7:10 AM CBS THIS MORNING
TOPICS: PRESIDENT NIXON, BOSNIA
CONTACT: JENNIFER HUSARIK -- 202-686-8274

8:00 AM CNN MORNING NEWS
TOPICS: NIXON, PERHAPS BOSNIA
CONTACT: 202-898-7926

BOTH COULD BE DONE FROM THE SENATE GALLERY.
ALTERNATIVELY, YOU COULD DO CBS FROM THEIR WASHINGTON
BUREAU, WHICH IS CLOSER TO THE WATERGATE, AND CNN FROM THE
HILL. IF INTERESTED, I CAN EXPLORE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES -- FOX
MORNING NEWS IS ALWAYS INTERESTED. THE OTHER MORNING SHOWS
MAY BE SET, BUT I CAN CHECK.

Denver Post - Renate Robey
303.820.1201
.1010

AP - DC re: Bosnia
202.828.6410 Jim Abrams

NBC - Bosnia / affiliate / nightly News
- 1044 Lincoln
- order satellite

Rocky ... News - no answer 898.4201 Mike Romano
USA Today - " 892.5000 / city desk

KUSA #9 - ABC

April 22, 1994

MEMORANDUM TO SENATOR DOLE

FROM: SUZANNE HELLMANN

RE: COLORADO POLITICAL BRIEFING

ISSUES OF CONCERN

The issues of concern are mainly those of national importance such as health care, welfare reform, crime, trade, foreign affairs and education. Those attending the fundraiser are mostly businessmen and women so they will be concerned about the economy. Many of those attending are also supporters of Gov. Roy Romer (D) who is running for reelection. Romer has been very pro-business and therefore has made many friends. The suggested way to attack this is to stress how electing a Republican in CO will help the direction of the entire nation.

Two issues to avoid are: 1) the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons complex where Rockwell International Corp. paid an \$18.5 million fine for hazardous waste and clean water violations (former Rep. Wolpe has made an issue of the government being too lenient on the offenders); and 2) the new Denver International Airport which is finally opening in mid-May.

POLITICAL RACES

There are three statewide races this year - Secretary of State, State Treasurer and Governor. Only the State Treasurer race is without a Republican primary. The GOP candidate for that seat is State Senator Bill Owens.

In the Gubernatorial race, Bruce Benson appears to be the front runner. However, he has caused some waves by deciding to forego the normal caucus assembly procedures and instead collecting signatures to get on the ballot.

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MEMORANDUM

APRIL 21, 1994

TO: SENATOR DOLE
FROM: JO-ANNE
SUBJ: DENVER FUNDRAISER

Attached for your information is the guest list for the Sunday event at Phil Anschutz's residence -- as of 4:00 PM Thursday.

We currently have solid commitments and/or cash-in-hand totalling \$43,600. This does not include any contributions from the six co-hosts (except \$1,000 from Bill Coors), who are "holding back" until they see how well the event is going. If we push each of the co-hosts to contribute the \$5,000 maximum allowable and get Coors to give another \$4,000, we will get the total gate up to \$72,600. I will ask Phil to make these calls tomorrow. Meanwhile, we're continuing to call the invitation list.

new list attached

ACCEPTANCES

	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PAID</u>	<u>PLEDGED</u>
Anschutz, Phil & Nancy	(2)		????
Anschutz-Rogers, Sue	(1)		???
Bain, Don	(1)	COMP.	
Beatty, Richard F. and Anne	(2)	\$1,000	
Berger, Bill	(1)		\$1,000
Boothby, Burt	(1)	\$1,000	
Borgen, Bjorn "Erik" & Kathy	(2)	\$1,000	
Brown, Senator Hank and Nan	(2)	COMP.	
Burns, Frank and Joy	(2)		\$1,000
Conwick, G. Kevin and Ginny	(2)	\$1,000	
Coors, William K.	(1)	\$1,000	
Dietler, Cortlandt & Martha	(2)	\$1,000	
Donner, Bob and Joan	(2)	\$1,000	
Ehlers, Mary Ann	(1)	COMP.	
Friedlob, Ray and Irene	(2)	\$1,000	
Gates, Charlie and June	(2)		\$1,000
Greenwood, Neal and Verna	(2)	COMP.	
Harvey, C.Y., Lyndia and Tyler	(3)		\$1,000
Hart, Don and Jane	(2)		\$1,000
Honnen, Pete and Eileen	(2)		\$1,000
Jensen, Debbie	(1)	COMP.	
Johnson, Jerry and Raye	(2)		\$1,000
Jones, Glenn and Dianne Eddols	(2)		\$1,000
Kelley, Rich and Linda	(2)	\$1,000	
Luinstra, Thomas E. and Carol	(2)	\$2,000	

McCallum, Bill and Vicky Frank	(2)	\$1,000	
Martin, Lanny and Sharon	(2)		\$1,000
Medved, John and Debi	(2)		\$1,500
Morrissey, Joseph and Beverly	(2)	\$1,000	
Murray, Mark E. & Sally	(2)	\$1,000	
Nagel, Ralph J. & Trish	(2)	\$2,000	
Nicholson, Jim and Suzanne	(2)		\$1,000
Pearse, Bill and Barb	(2)	\$1,000	
Perlmutter, Jordon and Essie	(2)		\$1,000
Petry, Nick and Nancy	(2)		\$1,000
Petrie, Tom	(1)		\$1,000
Ritzel, Tom and Lana	(2)		\$1,000
Robison, LaVoy	(1)		\$1,000
Rooney, Norm and Peggy	(2)		\$1,000
Schaefer, Congressman Dan & Mary	(2)	COMP.	
Sloan, Harry	(1)		\$1,000
Stecher, Karl Jr.	(1)		\$1,000
Stephens, Tom	(1)		????
Trankle, Ray	(1)	(Johnson Party)	
Ward, Milton (Milt) & Adele	(2)	\$2,000	
TOTALS	(72)	\$19,000	\$17,500

REGRETS -- BUT SENDING CHECKS

	<u>PAID</u>	<u>PLEDGED</u>
Cogswell, John		\$1,000
Coors, Peter		\$1,000
Daniels, Bill	\$1,000	
Feder, Harold A.		Maybe - ???
Gooding, Richard L.	\$1,000	
Leede, Ed	\$1,000	
Miller, Myron & James		\$1,000
Moyers, Edward L.	\$1,000	
Olson, Richard H.	\$ 100	
Poppa, Ryal & Ruth Ann		???
Travis, Tim	\$1,000	
TOTALS	\$5,100	\$3,000

COLORADO

Status of Incumbent: Gov. Romer (D) Eligible to seek reelection.

Filing Date: June 3

Primary Election: Aug. 9

REPUBLICANS

Dick Sargent, State Treasurer

Mike Bird, State Senator

Bruce Benson, Former GOP Chairman

Phil Klingsmith, Attorney

DEMOCRATS

Roy Romer, Incumbent

Early Summary

As late as last year Governor Roy Romer was considered a sure bet for reelection, due primarily to a weak field of Republican candidates. That all changed when Denver geologist and businessman Bruce Benson filed papers in February to become a Republican candidate for governor. Though a first time candidate for public office, Benson has substantial experience in politics, in government, and as a community leader. Benson was appointed by Democrat Governor Dick Lamm to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, served three terms as chairman of the Colorado Republican Party and is a director for a number of nonprofit organizations.

Benson is a proven fundraiser and is expected to spend \$5 million in his campaign against Romer. In past years, Romer has been able to out spend his Republican opponents two-to-one. Governor Romer reported about \$700,000 on hand at the beginning of the year but Benson has succeeded in breaking the stranglehold Romer has had on the business community, with a number of Romer's top donors defecting to Benson. Benson will officially launch his campaign on April 4. Other announced Republican candidates are state Senator Mike Bird and Dick Sargent, former two time nominee for State Treasurer.

As recent survey from Hill Research Consultants for the Colorado Republican Party revealed that 40% of likely voters say that Romer deserves reelection. Conversely, 46% of the respondents state that a new person should be given a chance. Some Democrat pollsters are now privately calling Colorado a "neck-and-neck" race.

POLLING INFORMATION

COLORADO STATEWIDE POLL

CIRULI & ASSOCIATES MARCH 8-11, 1994 (500 REGISTERED VOTERS)

*SHOULD GOVERNOR ROY ROMER BE REELECTED, DEFEATED OR DO YOU
WANT TO LOOK AT THE OTHER CANDIDATES FIRST?*

Relect	23%
Defeat	22%
Learn more about others first	52%
No Opinion	3%

HOTLINE 4/13/94

*16 COLORADO: ROMER UNDER 50% AGAINST ALL GOP CHALLENGERS
A DENVER POST/KCNC-TV poll, conducted by Talmey-Drake, surveyed 550 adults 3/23-30; Margin of error +/- 4%. The registered voter subsample is 467; Margin of error +/- 4% (KNCN-TV, 4/11). Tested: Gov. Roy Romer (D), Ex-CO GOP Chair Bruce Benson, state Sen. Mike Bird (R), consultant Dick Sargent (R) and atty Phil Klingsmith (R). Primary 8/9.

ROMER JOB	ALL	CO DIRECTION	ALL
Approve	62%	Right direction	50%
Disapprove	27	Wrong direction	36

GENERAL MATCHUPS			
Romer 45%	Romer 45%	Romer 42%	Romer 43%
Benson 24	Bird 23	Sargent 23	Klingsmith 20

Talmey-Drake's Paul Talmey notes Romer's job approval "continues to be incredibly good," but adds, "I don't think the governor can be particularly happy that he doesn't get over 50 percent against any" of the GOPers. Romer said he was "gratified" with his approval numbers: "What it says is they appreciate the work we've done, but we've got a lot more to do." Benson manager Katy Atkinson said the poll showed a "pretty substantial increase" for Benson from internal polls conducted before Benson got into the race. This poll was conducted before Benson's ad campaign "kicked into high gear." Romer manager Mike Stratton: "Even though Benson is starting to spend a great deal of money on television ads, people won't start to pay attention until later in the process" (Brown, DENVER POST, 4/12).

HOTLINE 3/29/94

*13 COLORADO: ROMER TOPS TOP REPUBLICAN CHALLENGERS

A Ciruli Assoc. Poll, conducted 3/8-11, surveyed 500 RV's; margin of error +/- 4%. GOP subsample: 172 RV's; MoE +/- 7.5% (Ciruli release/KUSA-TV, 3/28). Tested: Gov. Roy Romer (D), ex-CO GOP Chair Bruce Benson (R), state Sen. Mike Bird (R), atty Phil Klingsmith (R) and consultant Dick Sargent. Primary: 8/9.

GOP SUPPORT

Bird	14%
Benson	8
Sargent	5
Klingsmith	2
DK	72

GENERAL MATCH-UPS

Romer	39%	Romer	39%
Bird	27	Benson	22
DK	34	DK	39

HOTLINE 3/28/94

*12 COLORADO: ROMER STRESSES CRIME AND VALUES IN KICK-OFF

A Ciruli Associates poll, conducted 3/8-11, surveyed 500 registered voters; margin of error +/- 4% (Ciruli release, 3/25). Tested: Gov. Roy Romer (D). Candidates not tested: Ex-CO GOP Chair Bruce Benson (R), state Sen. Mike Bird (R), consultant Dick Sargent (R) and atty Phil Klingsmith (R).

ROMER JOB		ROMER RE-ELECT	NOW	3/93
Excellent	10%	Re-elect Romer	23%	41%
Good	35	Defeat Romer	22	39
Fair	31	See/hear opponents 1st	52	13 (vol.)
Poor	21			

KICK-OFF: Romer announced his re-election 3/24 in his home town of Holly. He "repeatedly stressed the old-fashioned values he had learned in Holly during the Depression and Dust Bowl years." Romer also listed the five themes he will be "emphasizing": Jobs, education, the environment, crime and "how do we pass on a core set of values to the younger generation?" Asked about his warchest, Romer "decried the high cost of electioneering and expressed the wish" that all the candidates "could somehow agree to cap spending at \$2 million." Benson is "reportedly" ready to spend \$5 million. Romer "took a little time" to talk about Benson's bid, including Benson's "effort to get on the ballot by petition instead of using the usual caucus-and-assembly partisan machinery." Romer: "Mr. Benson has chosen not to be judged by those who know him best" (Brown, DENVER POST, 3/25). In announcing, Romer [thrust] himself into a role that's part politician, part preacher and part philosopher." Romer: "We've got to define what we believe in and pass it on to our children. We've got to show them a world where hard work is rewarded, where your word is your bond, where you respect your neighbor and his property" (Herrick, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 3/25). NEWS' Blake reports on Energy Sec. Hazel O'Leary's visit to CO, noting that her appearance at a fund-raiser for Romer is "closed to the press, per orders of the White House." O'Leary's visit follows CO appearances by Commerce Sec. Ron Brown and Hillary Rodham Clinton, which similar to O'Leary's trip were "divided between forums and fund-raising" (3/25).

HOTLINE 3/16/94

*25 COLORADO: BROWN CATCHES FLAK OVER SUBSIDIES HE RECEIVED
Sen. Hank Brown (R) "has aggressively pushed during the last year to eliminate farm supports for commodities such as honey and tobacco, calling them examples of wasteful government spending. But records show that Brown and his wife, Nan, during that same time were enrolled in a federal agriculture program that paid them thousands of dollars not to grow crops" on their farmland. Under the USDA's Conservation Reserve Program, which "pays farmers to retire marginal or environmentally sensitive land for 10 years or more," the Browns received a total of \$32,158.50. Brown said there "was no double standard or conflict of interest," adding that "the land had to meet soil conservation officials' standards to qualify, then he competitively bid against other farmland before it was accepted into the program." (DENVER POST, 3/13). R.M. NEWS editorial: "By our accounting, there is no grand scheme that says the senator's subsidy is any more legitimate than the money given the beekeepers. So why oppose their subsidy and not your own?" (3/15).

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
136 State Capitol
Denver, Colorado 80203-1792
Phone (303) 866-2471

STATE OF COLORADO



Roy Romer
Governor

April 18, 1994

Mike Hesse
Executive Director
Colorado Republican Party
1275 Tremont Place
Denver, CO 80204

Dear Mike:

I was interested to learn that the Colorado Republican Party has established a "Good Government Now" hotline to collect information about waste and mismanagement in state government. I gather that the function of this hotline is to give whistleblowers and others an opportunity to report allegations of government problems, fraud and abuse.

This is a service the Romer Administration has been providing for the past seven years. Until June 1993, such complaints had been handled through the Governor's Citizens' Advocate Office. They now are handled through the Governor's Advocate Corps, which is made up of key staff persons in the executive director's office of each department of Colorado state government. As part of this reorganization, the entire Governor's Office staff also has been provided with additional training on how to work with citizens who bring their complaints directly to this office.

I reorganized the Citizens' Advocate Office because I wanted to make certain that a broader sector of this state government was devoted to responding to and solving such problems. I also wanted citizens to be able to directly contact the executive director's office of any state agency with which they are having a problem.

Mr. Mike Hesse
April 18, 1994
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The department advocates, who are particularly knowledgeable on the workings of their departments, can be reached directly through the telephone numbers on the enclosed brochure.

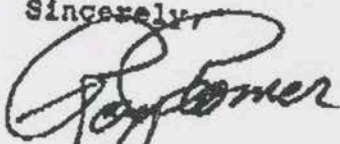
I hope you will use these brochures, and request more if necessary, to forward to the appropriate agency any information or complaint you receive on your hotline. Allegations of fraud or waste should be dealt with promptly. It doesn't matter whether that evidence comes from the Republican Party or any other source, I want to root any identified problems out as quickly as possible.

However, if the information you receive doesn't fit any particular department or should not be reported directly to a department, I would ask that you contact Patricia Barela Rivera, who coordinates the Governor's Advocate Corps and constituent services in my office. I have directed Ms. Rivera to make herself available to followup on any evidence of waste and abuse your hotline may uncover. Her number is (303) 866-2885.

I believe this administration has done a good job of being responsive to citizen complaints. But, it is certainly possible that we have missed something. If we have and your hotline uncovers it, I hope that you will take responsible action by immediately forwarding that information to us.

Making government efficient, relevant and responsive to the needs of people is very important. I think one of the reasons people are cynical and frustrated with politics is that too much time and money is spent by politicians trying to make the other guy look bad. I believe that too little time, money and effort is spent working in a non-partisan way to fix the real problems people face in their daily lives. I want to see those problems fixed.

Sincerely,



Roy Romer
Governor

Enclosure

April 19, 1994

The Honorable Roy Romer
Executive Chambers
136 State Capitol
Denver, Colorado 80203-1792

Dear Governor Romer:

I'm delighted to learn of your interest in our "Good Government Now" hotline and read with interest the materials you sent on your program to respond to whistleblowers and other citizen complaints.

However, your assumption that our hotline is primarily an outlet for whistleblowers is too narrow a view. Phone calls about waste or fraud are certainly welcome and will be handled in an appropriate manner. But we are also interested in a citizens' assessment of state government performance over the last eight years.

We don't need polls or other tools of the political trade to describe many of our common goals -- safe neighborhoods, children excited about schools and learning, expanding job opportunities, improvement and enjoyment of the quality of life in our state, and a strong underpinning of values. Easy, of course to say, but harder to make real.

If we drew a pie chart assigning responsibilities for these goals, my guess is you would give government a larger chunk of the pie than I would, but clearly government has a role -- starting, I think, with the physician's oath to do no harm! And, when the two term incumbent governor asks the state for another term, it is appropriate to engage in a discussion about the performance of the government over the last eight years.

The upcoming campaign gives all of us a perfect opportunity to do just that. I look forward to it, as I'm sure you do.

Thanks again for writing.

Sincerely,

Michael Hesse
Executive Director
Colorado Republican Party

COLORADO

Mary Dambman National Committeewoman



Present

National Committeewoman, Colorado, elected -
August 19, 1992
Colorado Federation of Republican Women Executive
Committee, 1989 -
Precinct Committeewoman, 1979 -
Colorado State Board, General Federation of Women's Clubs,
1990 -
President, Pikes Peak Republican Women's Roundtable,
1992 -
Republican State Central Committee, 1981 -

Previous

Vice Chairman, Republican State Central Committee, 1989 -
1993
Colorado House of Representatives, 1983 - 1989
Secretary, El Paso County Central Committee, 1981 - 1982
Vice President, El Paso County Republican Women, 1981 - 1982
Simsbury (CT) Republican Town Committee, 1975 - 1979
President, Simsbury Republican Women, 1978 - 1979

RNC Activity

Delegate, Republican National Convention, 1992
Member, Committee on Rules, Republican National Conven-
tion, 1992

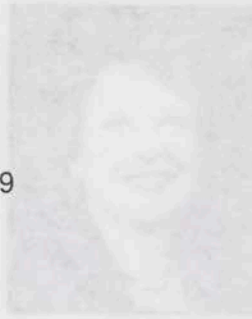
Personal

Spouse: Richard
Children: Two
Education: A.A., College of Marin;
B.S., Wayne State University; M.A.T., Colorado College (cont.)

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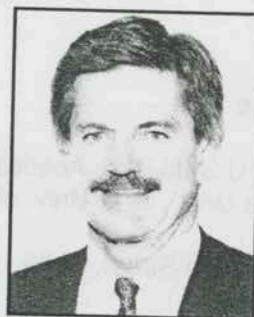
7470 Delmonico Drive
 Colorado Springs, CO 80919

(719) 593-0210 (h)
 (719) 599-1823 (f)



COLORADO

Jim Nicholson National Committeeman



Present

National Committeeman, Colorado, elected - March 15, 1986
President, Nicholson Enterprises, Inc.
President, Renaissance Homes, Inc.
Colonel, U.S. Army Reserve, Retired
Chairman, Colorado Elephant Club
Member, Republican State Executive Committee
Member, Republican State Central Committee
Chairman, Resource Development, Volunteers of America,
Colorado Division

Previous

Practitioner, Real Estate and Municipal Law and Mortgage
Finance
Lecturer, Seminars and Institutes on Real Estate Law and
Finance
Trustee, Colorado Youth Citizenship Foundation
Commissioner, Colorado Air Quality Control Commission
President, Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Denver
President, West Point Society of Denver

RNC Activity

Vice Chairman, Western Region, Republican National
Committee, 1992 -
Member, RNC Rules Committee, 1986 - ; Recorder, 1989 -
1992; Chairman, 1993 -
Member, RNC Budget Committee, 1987 - 1992
Delegate, Republican National Convention, 1988, 1992

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Personal

Spouse: Suzanne

Children: Three

Education: B.S., U.S. Military Academy;

M.A. Columbia Univ.; J.D., Univ. of Denver

5400 South Syracuse Street; Suite 100
Englewood, CO 80111

(303) 770-6604 (o)

(303) 770-0124 (f)

(303) 781-2642 (h)

COLORADO

Don Bain Chairman



Present

Chairman, Colorado State Republican Party, elected -
March 13, 1993
Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
Board Member, Denver Foundation, 1989 -
Board Member, Downtown Denver, Inc., 1989 -
Board Member, Fairmont Cemetery Company, 1989 -
Holme Roberts and Owen, LLC, Attorneys at Law, 1961 -

Previous

Member, Finance Committee, Colorado Republican Party
Member, Finance Committee, Congressman Dan Shaefer
Member, Finance Committee, Congressman Scott McInnis
Coalition Leader, Bush - Quayle, 1992
Delegate, Colorado State Republican Conventions
Candidate, Mayor of Denver, 1987, 1991
Board Member, Greater Denver Corporation, 1987 - 1991
Chairman, Auraria Higher Education Center, 1986 - 1989
Board Member, Denver Public Library Commission, 1983 -
1991

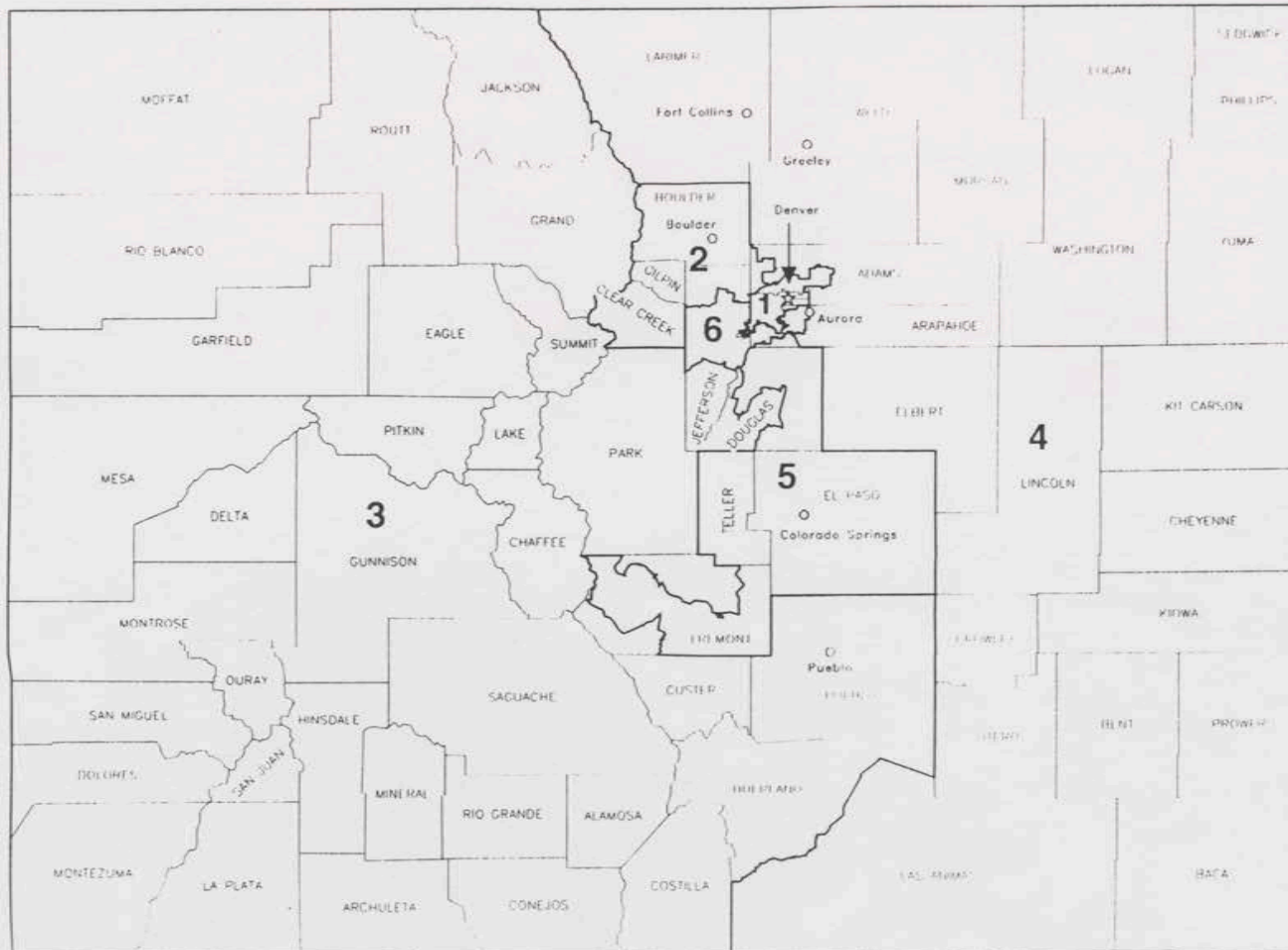
RNC Activity

Delegate, Republican National Convention, 1992

Personal

Children: Three
Education: A.B., Yale University; LL.B., Harvard Law School

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Colorado - Congressional Districts

WASH POST

4/22/94

Justice Dept. Rebuts Critics in Rocky Flats Case

By Jim McGee

Washington Post Staff Writer

The Justice Department yesterday issued a rebuttal to congressional criticism of its handling of the 1989 investigation of environmental and safety problems at the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons complex.

The operator of the Colorado plant, Rockwell International Corp., paid an \$18.5 million fine, the largest hazardous waste fine in history, in 1992 after pleading guilty to 10 hazardous waste and clean water violations as part of a plea agreement.

"This case was not handled perfectly in the sense that any case of this nature with complicated investigatory and institutional issues is likely to have difficulties," said an 88-page report issued by the department. "... None of these factors, however, was related to institutional breakdowns or improper political or personal influences."

The report serves as a response to criticism of the case by the investigation subcommittee of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, headed at the time by then-Rep. Howard Wolpe (D-Mich.), which claimed the plea agreement was too lenient. The Justice Department report said the agreement reflected "an appropriate exercise of prosecutorial discretion."

Wolpe, who is now running for governor in Michigan, said: "My reaction is: What would you expect?" he said.

The case attracted wide attention when an independent-minded grand jury tried to issue a report that was more critical of Rockwell and the Department of Energy than the prosecutors would endorse. The Justice Department refused to help prepare the report; prosecutors later prepared a paragraph-by-paragraph rebuttal of the grand jury's report.

The study was prepared by two prosecutors from the U.S. Attorneys Office in the District of Columbia, Stevan E. Bunnell and Mark H. Dubester, who is also acting chief of the Public Corruption/Government Fraud Section in that office.

They criticized the congressional investigation, which elicited testimony from agents and prosecutors. "The Department needs to impress forcefully on Congress the serious consequences of politicized attacks on individual line prosecutors," said the report. "... Congressional maligning of the line prosecutors in this case provides strong incentives for prosecutors to stay away from politically charged environmental cases in the future."